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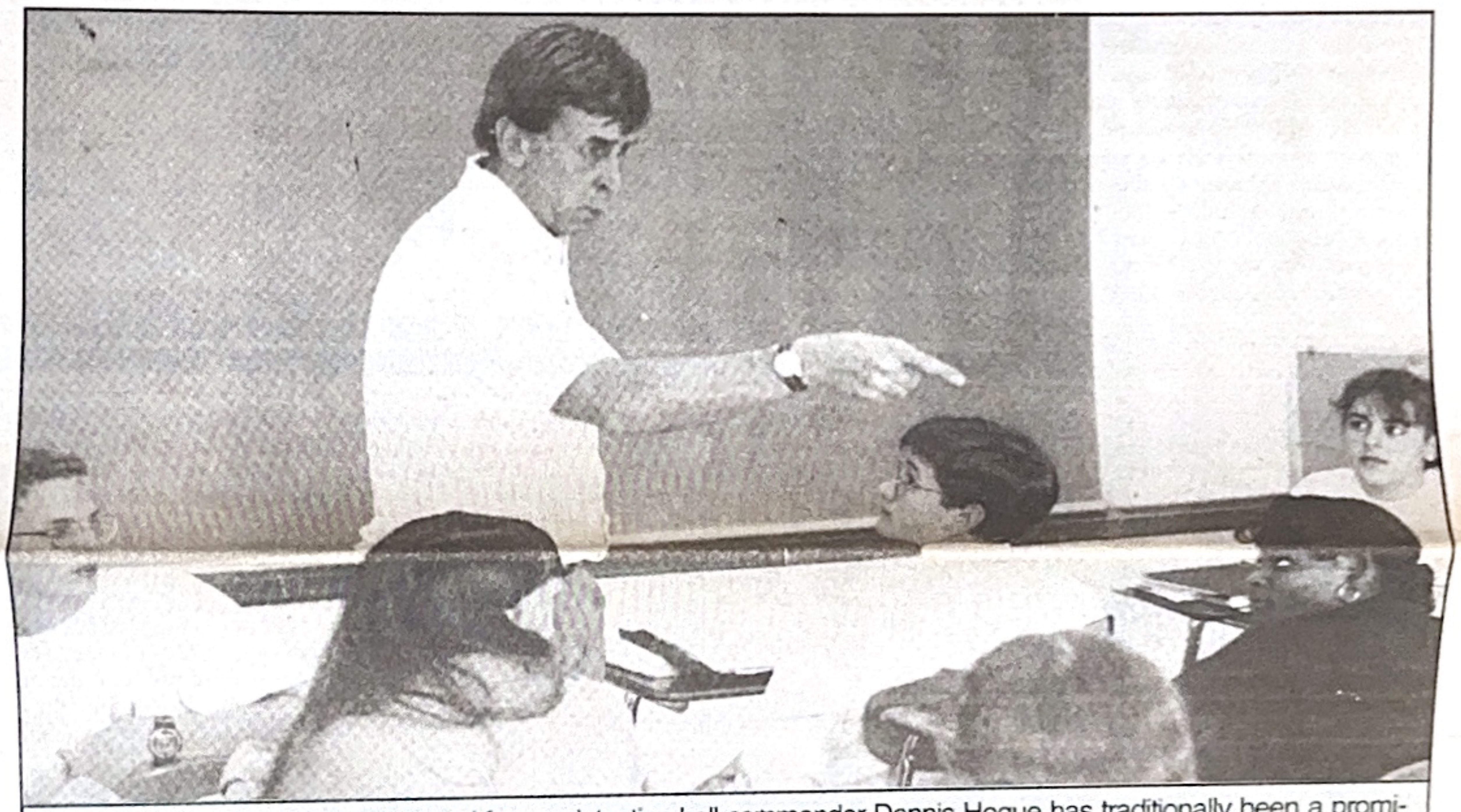
Class-cutters striking out

JV baseball unable to field team because of ineligible players

BY LAURA CURTISS
Co-Sports Editor



TISK, TISK, TISK! Math teacher and former detention hall commander Dennis Hogue has traditionally been a prominent force in the battle against tardy students and class-cutters.
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Five junior varsity baseball players were declared ineligible from the Warrensville game because of unexcused absences. According to players, Athletic Director Joe Katzenstein boarded the bus before they were to depart and read off the list. Those with cuts could not play, and the game had to be forfeited because there were not enough players remaining.

Coach Roger Freiberg said although he was disappointed at the loss of the game, academics must come before sports.

"We agree with the school's policy," Freiberg said. "Academics are the number one priority in our baseball program's mind."

Most of the players agreed the policy is fair.

"Yes, I think the policy is fair. We knew about the rule; they had been reminding us. We tried to avoid it but it caught up with us. In the future I'll know better," one of the ineligible players said.

Sophomore J. P. Fischer was previously ineligible, but now has his attendance cleared up. He agreed that the policy is fair and said that if you are not going to class then you have no reason to be playing sports. He said technicalities got in the way of him playing in the Warrensville game.

"I had a doctor's appointment that my parents had not excused. I was technically cleared, but I didn't technically have a note," Fischer said. "I think it's fair though; if you don't have high enough standards for yourself to go to class then why should you be playing baseball?"

Some eligible members were disappointed in their teammates but said extracurricular activities should not be affected by unexcused absences, while others see the policy as just.

"All the kids that were in trouble are my friends, and I don't care if they cut or anything, but we should be a team again," junior Mike McGaughey said. "The policy is unfair; it should affect your grade but not your eligibility, because it lets the whole team down."

Sophomore Scott Graham also said he felt let down, but he thinks the policy is fair.

"I was a little upset that some of the members weren't able to be eligible. I guess they just thought it wasn't important or they could get excused. I think the policy is fair: more than three cuts and you're on contract," Graham said.

Freiberg said the attendance policy for practices and games is even more stringent. If a player misses two practices or games for unexcused reasons they are off the team. Freiberg said he is worried about how frequently the attendance lists are changed.

"I'm concerned with how frequently the lists are getting updated. I'm not saying they're outdated. I'm just concerned," he said.

The ineligible player said he hopes this incident will not affect his future baseball career.

"I hope it doesn't affect us in the long run," he said.

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>
> ***-J.P. Fischer, sophomore***

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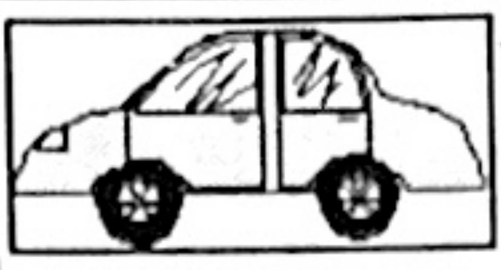

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1. California
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3. Florida
4. New York
5. Illinois
6. Michigan
7. Pennsylvania
8. Georgia
9. North Carolina
10. Ohio

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State legislature considering new requirements for driver's licenses

BY GRAHAM LANZ
Staff Reporter

Shaker teens could soon face changes in laws concerning young drivers. State Senator Bruce Johnson has proposed a law that would change the requirements for obtaining a license and restrict the licenses of 16-18 year-olds.

The bill allows students to get their temporary licenses at age 15 1/2, rather than 16, the age presently required by law. After obtaining a temporary license teenagers must wait six months to get a permanent license. In that time 50 hours of driving, including 10 at night, under parental supervision must be completed. Parents are on the honor system when recording these hours.

Junior Dinesh Joseph, a 17-year-old who does not have his license, believes this requirement would make it even harder for him to get his license.

"I have not gotten my license because I was lazy and because my weekends and week nights are too busy. It cannot be a priority at school times. The requirement would make it a lot harder," Joseph explained.

Freshman Anne Nuechterlein likes the new bill.

"I guess the bill is a good idea because you need experience. I can get my license at 16, which is better," Anne Nuechterlein said.

The bill also has stricter penalties for teenage accidents. Two moving violations, such as accidents, speeding tickets, or rolling through a stop sign would cause drivers to lose their license for a year.

Statistics compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety say that drivers age 16-20 are involved in 16 percent of all crashes and drivers in 15 percent of all fatal crashes, although they make up only seven percent of all license holders.

Statistics also show that these same teenagers are usually the ones to blame for the accident. Also, the younger the driver, the more likely they are to be at fault. Sixteen year olds are at fault 71 percent of the time, 65 percent for 17-year-olds, and 63 percent for 18-year-olds.

In 16 states where similar policies are in place, accident percentages have dropped by over 10 percent.

Johnson's bill also calls for drivers younger than 18-years-old to have restricted licenses. They would not be allowed to drive alone from midnight to 5 a.m. unless they are travelling to or from work or school activities.

"I remember what I did between midnight and 5 a.m., and frankly, I do not want my kids doing what I did," Johnson said.

Senior Dain Thorpe believes the rule would be fair.

"Most cities have curfews at midnight anyway. It makes sense that students younger than 18 should not be driving that late anyway. Sixteen year olds are not the best drivers in the world anyway," Thorpe said.

Nuechterlein is not worried, however, because students can lie about their activities.

"I think it will be okay because you can just say you are coming home from a school related activity," Nuechterlein said.

Junior Dina Levi thinks that the night rule is good because students do not always remember to drive responsibly at night.

"Sometimes my friends do not take the responsibility of driving at night seriously," Levi said.

The bill has passed in the State Senate and is now being debated in a House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. It is expected to pass the House with some minor revisions.

Teen Crash Stats

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'96 exchange student killed in motorcycle accident in Brazil

BY CAITLIN MASINI
News Editor

Former exchange student Clovis Boving died March 30, Easter Sunday, in a motorcycle accident in Brazil.

Boving was taking his friend's bike for a spin when a car driving crazily came at him. He tried unsuccessfully to avoid it, according to senior Edilena Moraes.

Boving visited Shaker first semester last year and stayed with '96 graduate David Arnold. He was a member of the soccer team and AFS/ISO. He thoroughly enjoyed his stay here, according to his advisor, French teacher Ruth Berger.

"He was a really terrific, enthusiastic kid," Berger said.

Junior Mike Gross, who met Boving through soccer, remembers him as a great guy and friend. Boving even called Gross from his car phone in Brazil to say hello.

"Clovis was always really happy and always smiling and just fun to be around. He was a really nice kid and was always respectful of other people," Gross said.

Boving came to the United States knowing no English and made an extra effort to learn the language. He took an intense three week course over the summer and spent extra time everyday working with reading teacher Mike Nash on his reading. Boving became fluent in English and did well in his classes, according to Berger.

Boving liked to help others and wrote a letter to Adventures in Real Communication (ARC), the organization he visited us through, about being prepared to go home. The words seem especially appropriate now.

"To the students who will still be here, try to be always better than you are now, . . . and I wish good luck for you," Boving wrote.

Students interested in contacting Clovis's family can contact Berger in room 309.

Happier times. Clovis Boving and Pauline Poirier carve pumpkins at an AFS/ISO Halloween party.
Shakerite Photo courtesy of Ruth Berger

Auto accidents: guide to coping on the spot

BY TOBY BULLOFF
Co-Feature Editor

Sixteen percent of all accidents involve teenagers, according to the Ohio Department of Safety. Yet, students admit that they are not always sure of what to do in case of an accident.

Drivers' education classes may cover basics such as exchanging phone numbers and alerting insurance companies, but Cleveland Policeman Mike Cozart meets teenagers every day who do not know standard procedure. Here are the things to remember.

✍ Exchange Social Security numbers.

"If you do not do any thing else, at least get a Social Security number. It speeds up the process of tracking down *people and is more reliable than a physical description," Cozart said.*

✍ **Be cooperative, but do not admit fault.**

✍ Remember the details of the incident.

It is also important to have a clear, non-biased recollection of the accident. To achieve this, Cozart recommends writing down everything from the other person's driver's license and even sketching a picture of the person if given permission, so remember to always have pen and paper in the car.

✍ Exchange phone numbers, addresses and insurance policy numbers.

✍ File a police report.

After a police report is filed, it is necessary to double check the information at the police station. Often, teenage drivers are taken advantage of because they fail to correct information or tell their side of the story.

✍ Take note of witnesses and particulars.

It is important to take note of any witnesses and their particulars, the time, weather, nearest intersection and models of cars involved.

Contrary to popular belief, Cozart does not suggest waiting for police to come if there is no blood or extreme damage. In fact, he said that it is often more beneficial to proceed to the nearest police station and file a report instead of waiting for police to come survey the scene. But, he warns drivers that a "hit and run" is a serious offense and is not an excuse if the police take a long time arriving.

✍ Seek medical attention.

Cozart suggests seeking medical attention if one is the least bit shaken up.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scholar to meet Clinton

Senior Shelli Calland was recently named a Presidential Scholar, an award given to only two students per state.

Calland applied for this honor by filling out an application of nine essays, eight were shorter essays and one was longer asking "If you could invite three people to dinner, who would they be and why?" according to Calland. She said she would choose Aristotle, the author of the Biblical book of Job and Fermat, a mathematician. Calland is excited to have won the award.

"It feels like this award is the culmination of my high school years," Calland said

At the end of June, Calland will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to meet President Bill Clinton. She will be taking along her history teacher Tim Mitchell, whom she named as a teacher who had a special influence on her.

Calland said that she really likes Washington and hopes to be there more in the future.

"I am going to Harvard in the fall and I would like to work in Washington as a Supreme Court justice," Calland said.

- Caitlin Masini

Artists set new precedent for school

Seniors Tim McLoughlin and Rebecca Marshall set a new school record by becoming the first Shaker students to win Gold Awards at the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

McLoughlin won a Silver Award for Mixed Media, a Gold Award for his painting "Anna" and the Pentad Award for Excellence in Drawing and Painting.

"There is only one of these awards awarded in the world. It means that Tim is truly at the top of the heap," McLoughlin's art teacher Jim Hoffman said.

Marshall won a Gold Award in computer design for a graphic design of a cover for "Graphis Magazine" a world wide graphics design magazine, according to Hoffman.

150,000 pieces of art are submitted to the national competition out of which only 500 are selected to be exhibited. Out of those there are 10 Gold Awards, 10 Silver Awards, and 1 Pentad Award.

Also sent from Shaker were full portfolios of McLoughlin and Brian Ackley.

Hoffman was recognized for being the teacher of the most students with submissions to the show.

"We won the distinction of Best in Northeastern Ohio with the most student artwork accepted by the show," Hoffman said.

-Caitlin Masini

Fight for equality in racial achievement still going strong

Community look for causes, solutions of unequal achievement

BY NAJAH FARLEY
Staff Reporter

All right, what are the solutions. The Civil Rights Committee met with parents and students to come up with solutions to the racial barriers at Shaker.

Shakerite Photo by Allison Beamer

It has been two months since the words "Black and white or shades of gray" made the headlines and the fight for equality in achievement is still going strong and there have been several recent developments.

The Department of Education's Civil Rights Committee held its second focus meeting on Thursday April 24. The meeting focused on finding solutions to the problem of the under representation of minorities in upper level classes. The parents, adults and the students met separately.

The group leaders first went through the barriers identified at the last meeting on March 13, of which there were three pages. The barriers were then split into categories by responsibility. By far the administration was identified as creating the most barriers.

Some of the barriers identified were lack of African American teachers as role models, tracking, over attention to tradition, lack of sensitivity toward African American culture and lack of support from African American parents with respect to completing homework.

The student meeting resulted in numerous solutions to perceived barriers. The solutions touched upon many different aspects of our school district and encompassed a wide range of perspectives and views. Some of the solutions included student reviews of teachers, classes for parents stressing encouragement and support of their children and Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring programs at the middle school and Woodbury.

The investigation will continue through the rest of the school year. If the perceived barriers are validated the OCR will present the solutions to the board for implementation.

There have also been two assemblies celebrating African American culture and promoting achievement, especially among African-Americans. The most recent assembly on April 15 invited respected scholar Dr. Howard A. Mims, the Director of Black Studies at Cleveland State University, to give a lecture to students entitled: "Education: The Key to Empowerment." Opinions on the success of the assembly varied widely.

"I thought the assembly was inspiring. I think Dr. Mims spoke the truth about what needs to be done," junior Brad Picot said.

On the other hand, some students did not feel the assembly was very interesting.

"I did not think Dr. Mims focused enough on present issues. He only mentioned the past. He didn't really apply it to great African Americans today," junior Laura Brunengraber said.

This was the third assembly this year pertaining to African American history and achievement. This assembly was mandatory for all classes. Plans have already begun for next year's African American History Month assemblies.

JCWA looks towards future under new name, new reputation

BY EMILY HOFFMAN
Staff Reporter

The Junior Council on World Affairs (JCWA), now officially known as Shaker Heights Model United Nations (SHMUN), has had a very successful year and is looking towards further triumphs in the years ahead, according to club members

"JCWA has had an awesome year. We won awards at almost all of the conferences we went to and it can only get better from here," sophomore Michael Lee said.

The club has undergone many changes this school year. Advisor Dennis Hogue returned after a three year hiatus to help the club along towards victory. He has devoted a significant amount of time to refocusing and expanding SHMUN, according to club members.

The club looks now to reclaiming the title of National Champions which it held three years ago, according to Hogue. With a strong underclassmen base, and only two departing seniors, the club hopes to return to this former status, according to Hogue.

Conferencing has been the main focus among club members. The club recently finished its schedule with the Kent State Conference at which several students won awards. SHMUN also travelled to Harvard, Virginia, Yale, Penn, Michigan, and Jefferson this year. SHMUN won team and individual awards at all conferences, except Yale, according SHMUN President Lindsay Karfeld.

Too much fun. JCWA relax on the road after a hard weekend of conferencing at Yale.

Shakerite Photo courtesy of Lindsay Karfeld

"We did very well at our conferences this year. It is a great feeling to hear Shaker's name repeatedly at awards ceremonies. There are a lot of talented people in the club," freshman Austin Frank said.

At conferences club members role play United Nations delegates from member nations. They can represent anything from the United States to Djibouti. The delegated discuss and attempt to resolve world problems like child labor, nuclear nonproliferation, and the deregulation of national economies, according to Hogue.

"It takes a lot of research and role-playing, but when you shoot down the policy of an enemy it is all worth it," freshman Jon Malangoni said.

Recently SHMUN held the first annual Fun-A-Thon as a fundraiser for the club. Last Tuesday the club was turned over to its new board of officers at the Passing the Gavel Awards Dinner. The club will end the year with a simulation where all new members are welcome according to Hogue.

Members are optimistic about the club's direction and potential.

"We have had a great year, but we can do even better. With strong underclassmen and a lot of talent, the sky is the limit," junior Todd Dolinsky said.

Hogue concurred with Dolinsky.

"I have the confidence in this group of conferees that they just may pull it off," Hogue said.

Teachers retire, change positions

BY CAITLIN MASINI
News Editor

Judith Curran

Shakerite Photo courtesy of Gristmill

After teaching at four Cleveland area schools math teacher Judith Curran finally found her home for the past 15 years at Shaker.

Curran said she has enjoyed her years of teaching at Shaker because of the students and faculty.

"I just have such a positive feeling about teaching. I like the faculty because they are creative and stimulating and they bring out the best in the students," Curran said.

Curran's students have appreciated her dedication to their education. Curran teaches geometry, so most of her students are new to the high school and most feel that she has assisted them in making the transition.

"Curran has been a great teacher who helped me get off to a good start at the high school," freshman John Franzen said.

Curran enjoys teaching her students.

"I like the involvement with the students. [It is good to know] that you might make a difference in their lives," Curran said.

Curran is looking forward to free time in which she plans to travel. She already has plans to go to Italy later this year. She also plans to continue tutoring and teaching, but not full-time. Curran wants to do some volunteering at the Science Museum where she feels that she will fit in.

"I am going to miss teaching, but I want to see what else might be out there for me," Curran said.

Dr. Jerris Miller

From being the principal at Mercer to directing the Woodbury bands and team teaching with the Middle School and High School band directors, Dr. Jerris Miller has dedicated 27 years to teaching Shaker students.

Miller, who has been teaching for over 40 years, came to Shaker in 1970 as the principal at Mercer. From there he went to directing the band and orchestra at what was then Byron Jr. High School, now Shaker Middle School. He now teaches and directs the bands at Woodbury, where the band program starts. Many students recall how Miller helped them grow in their musical abilities and desire to be in band.

"Dr. Miller gave me a good start for band in the future. He taught us how to play and he did a good job, which is shown by the fact that so many people are still in band in high school," junior Meg Underwood said.

Miller said his memories are of all the children he has worked with. He remembers helping them prepare for concerts at which parents were extremely supportive.

"I have enjoyed my time at Shaker Heights. I have especially enjoyed these last 10 years at Woodbury, and then seeing the students grow and get better and watching them get to the high school level," Miller said.

High School Band Director Hans Bohnert who has worked with Miller in past years said he will be missed in the music department.

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"It has been a real pleasure to have him on our team for the past few years. I greatly appreciate his contributions to our program," Bohnert said.

After retiring Miller said that he plans on relaxing and spending time with his grandchildren in Illinois. He said that he might also like to do some composing and travelling.

Dr. Ronald Morgan

Choral Director Dr. Ronald Morgan has changed gears and positions by taking over Jasmene Corbitt's job as a guidance counselor for the remainder of the year.

Morgan took several courses in that field while obtaining his music degree at Northwestern. He received his certification in guidance at Cleveland State University.

Though Morgan is in the guidance office he is continuing to direct the Chanticleers and his student teacher is teaching his 10th period class. All other classes are being taught by the Middle School Director Robert Schneider.

Choir students were surprised to hear that Morgan was changing positions and said that they missed him.

"We all love and miss Dr. Morgan's presence in choir. As a senior it is especially hard for me to accept this sudden change. Dr. Morgan has been an integral part at each of my years in Shaker choirs and my musical developments. I feel as though I lost a piece of myself when we lost Dr. Morgan," senior and vice-president of choir Bernard Williams said.

Shakerite Photo courtesy of Lindsay Block

Senior Dance Captain of Chanticleers Michelle Simon expressed similar sentiments.

"As a three year member of A Cappella Choir and Chanticleers, Dr. Morgan has truly given me a sense of what wonderful music is all about," Simon said.

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Ode to seniors

We're stronger, we're smarter, our hair looks better.
A senior girl looks finer in a sweater.
We don't take gym so our lockers aren't musty.
We look better than freshmen, even when crusty.
We have jobs, we have cars, and parents trust us.
We know how to be slick so the cops don't bust us.
We throw better parties, we wear sweeter gear
We know the places to go buy...yogurt.
We have later curfews, our jokes are droll.
We definitely pack a tighter...suitcase.
Yes, we're the greatest, but I'll get to the point
The class of '97 is out of this joint!

THE RITE IDEA

Sillier side of school rules

School rules are a necessary evil. Designed to protect us from such loathsome evils as infectious class-cutters and skilled cheaters, they provide a safe, level, playing field for the cunning game of learning. But even the administration cracks a few duds sometimes, and we take this opportunity to point out the rules that are just plain silly.

Take the "no hats" rule, for instance. This rule doesn't make sense. If your hair looks really crazy one day, it is going to be a lot more distracting to have everyone laughing and pointing at your huge fro than to dicreetly cover it with a nice, tasteful baseball cap.

Or what about the "no walkmen in study hall" rule. Oh, here's a great idea. Let's take a bunch of kids in study hall who aren't bothering anyone, and deprive them of their entertainment so they can make noise and get in trouble.

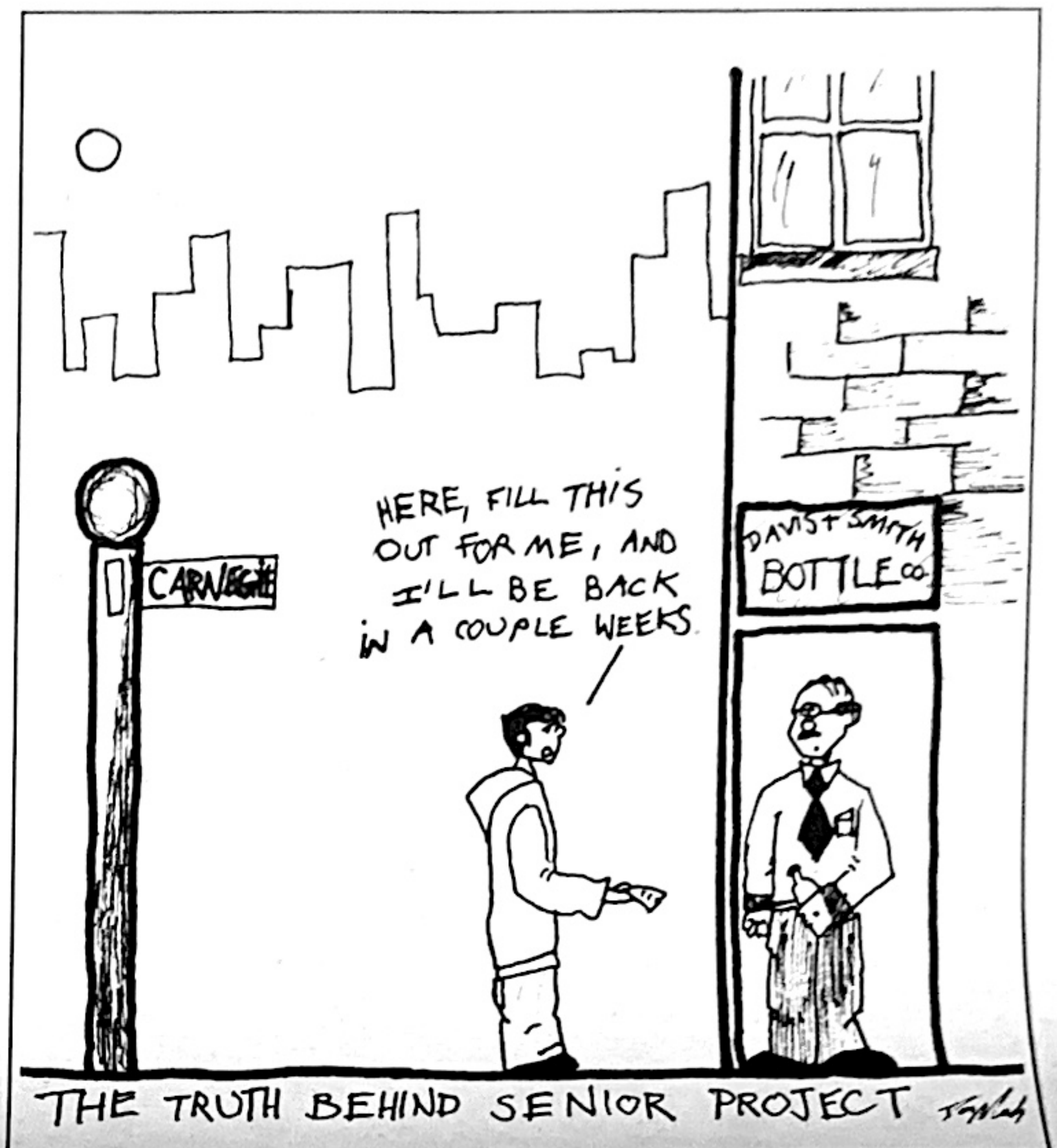
Another silly rule is that they turn off the vending machines when it is not a lunch period. This goes against all laws of logic. Okay, the garbage in the vending machines is mostly snack food, right? The kind of stuff you eat *between* meals when you're on the go. So is the school encouraging us to replace our healthy lunches of crunchy vegetables, cheese and juice with Fritos and Snickers? This is very shady. Oh, and besides, everybody knows that you can just trek loudly through the halls, disturbing numerous classrooms, and go to the fencing room for a pop.

And what about this edict against gum chewing in the classroom? Has no administrator ever read YM? Do they not know that chewing minty gum increases alertness and attention span, therefore elevating the level of student comprehension in the classroom? Obviously students who engage in such childish activity as throwing gum at teachers and sticking it between the pages of their homework should be duly punished.

Let's not forget about hall passes. Like those hall monitors are really going to deter us from walking around the halls when we shouldn't be. We'll just get better at sneaking around! Seriously, hall passes don't stop us from doing anything, they just add a little spice to the exciting game of hallway hide and seek.

And finally, the mother of all obnoxious rules: gym requirements. How many times do we have to say that taking three years of gym is excessive? Gym eats up valuable class time which could otherwise be used for academic subjects, or for sleeping through three consecutive free periods if you are a senior.

We hope we don't sound like we're whining. But somebody needs to remember all of the silly little restrictions which continually make us feel as though the world is not our oyster.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THE TRUTH BEHIND SENIOR PROJECT

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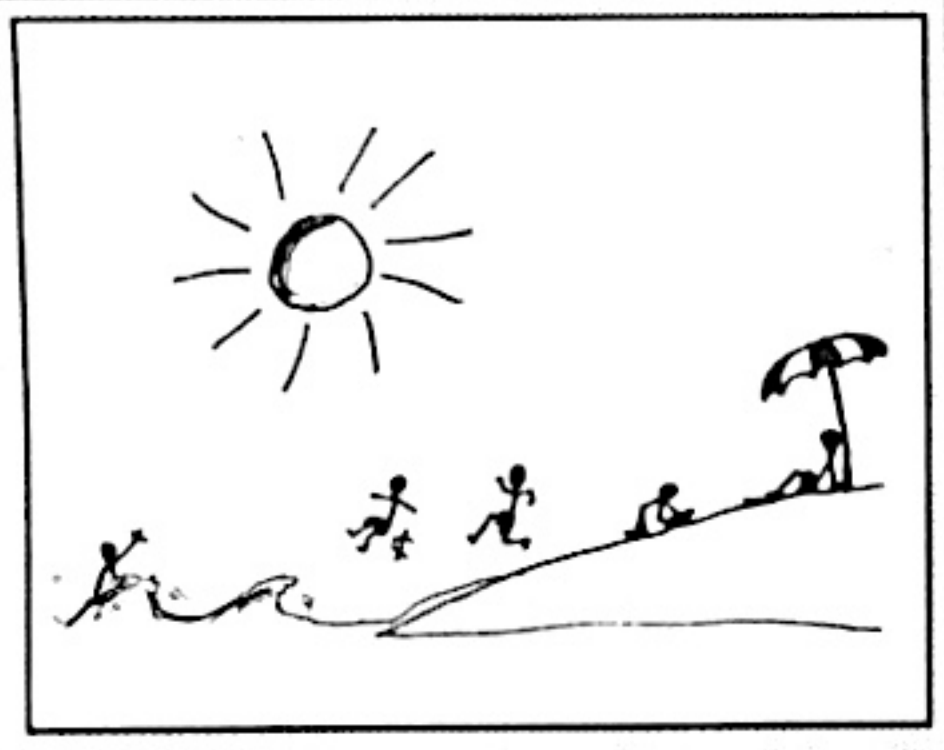
CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to four more days, seniors! Need we say more?

Jeers to silly boys who are getting a little too excited for prom.

Jeers to having to decide between colleges.



Jeers to not having to decide because you didn't get into any.

Cheers to spring...when it comes to clothing, less is more.

Jeers to spring. When it comes to boys in tank tops, less is just less.

Cheers to the new Shakerite staff. We know you'll do...at least as good a job as we did.

Cheers to this being our last issue.

Jeers to any reader who is really happy about that.

THE TOP TEN

really sorry reasons not to go on senior project...

10. You're still scoping out the freshman class for a prom date.
9. You've been waiting all year to finally get your physics teacher alone.
8. You just yearn to learn.
7. You've developed a strange attachment to the school bathroom.
6. You want to get the first spot on the Oval *just once*.
5. *You're failing study hall.*
4. You missed the project deadline because you were playing fantasy baseball.
3. You're not really a student– you're an alien desperately trying to cover up his landing tracks on the front lawn.
2. You're not really a student– you're actually a Russian spy setting up a foreign intelligence agency on the mysterious fourth floor.

...and the number one really sorry reason is...

1. Ha, ha, you're not a senior! Sucks to be you!

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First Tuesday's message not last week's news

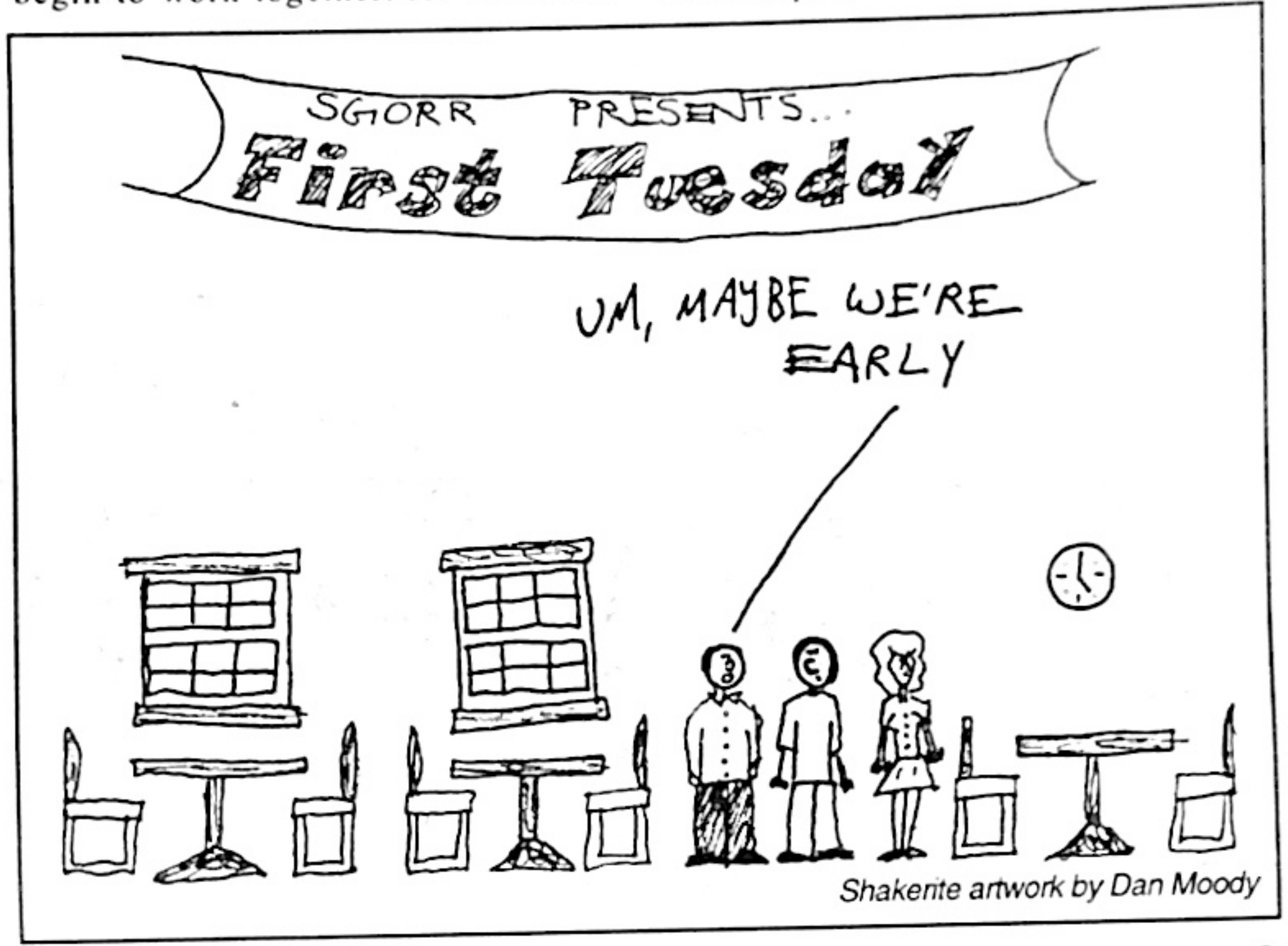
Poor student involvement means racial harmony distant

BY NAJAH FARLEY
Staff Reporter

Nearly a month ago all of Shaker Heights was in turmoil over the achievement in the high school and throughout the district. The Shakerite article drew attention from all over the district. As a result administrators and other community leaders have been working to better fulfill their promise to educate all students regardless of race, religion or nationality.

Many students expressed the sentiment that Shaker is not integrated, but instead just desegregated. Numerous solutions to this problem were implemented including late African American History assemblies, discussion groups and adding minorities to the Gristmill staff. Lately though, I have noticed a disturbing trend in the high school. Many students have gone about their daily business without continuing to work for improvement. Last week SGORR staged a discussion of race relations in Shaker. Only two students showed up. At the African assembly last week we had a respected scholar come talk with us about achievement. Most students in the audience were asleep. This is showing the administrators, teachers and parents that we really don't care about our school environment and we are not willing to work for improvement. Is this the message we want to send? That we are not ready to take responsibility for our own education?

We will never get a change until we begin to work together. As Frederick Douglass wrote, "Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will." If we as a student body don't continue to fight for equality we will never reach our full potential and things will stay as they always are, "Separate and Unequal."



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Student suggests coverage of classical music

To the editor:

This is a response to the note entitled "Attention All Students" by Ned Sackman, which apologized for not covering enough varieties of music. At the beginning Ned stated that he agrees that the paper does not give enough credit to all forms of music. I entirely agree. However, I was disappointed that he only alluded to not covering enough about rap. There are a number of students in this school who have an interest in classical music. However, classical music and the arts sometimes are too sophisticated for the immature high school student. The paper should cover the classical music scene by listing dates of performances of the Cleveland Orchestra and other ensembles (the Cleveland Orchestra is one of the finest symphonies in the world and you don't even mention them). Maybe the Shakerite could get students to be more exposed to important things such as the fine arts.

–Jon Becker, senior

ADVERSE to exploring the diverse

Students, system focused on learning about facts, not about each other

BY MILES BERGER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Shaker is an outstanding school system. Several recent alumni who are now studying at selective colleges told me that, because of their Shaker education, they didn't have to look up to anyone at college. "If you take the hardest classes at Shaker and do well in them, you will get the same education as any of the kids who went to the elite East coast prep schools like Choate or Philips Exeter Academy," one '96 graduate told me.

While I was impressed to hear that, I can't help but wonder how true it is. We all think that we're getting such a great education and our school is so integrated, but how true are these claims?

Sure, there it seems there is no end to the number of AP classes Shaker offers, but what makes those classes so great? If you haven't taken any of them, I'll try to give you an idea of what they are like. Imagine a bunch of kids (almost all white) who are overly competitive, who refuse to share their answers to difficult homework problems or work together and who are obsessed with learning only what will be on the AP test. Sure, there are a lot of students with 4.0+ GPAs who have enough AP credit to skip a semester or more of college, but how many of them were ever really interested in learning anything purely for the sake of curiousity if it weren't going to be on a test? Not many.

And how integrated is Shaker, how committed are we, the students, to appreciating diversity? Not as much as you would think. Sure, Superintendent Freeman and Shaker's public relations people can talk you to death about how integrated we are, but how much do we know about each other? How much do white and black students know about each other besides common stereotypes?

The answer to this question is not much. But the more unfortunate fact is how little we are doing about it. A few weeks ago after an early dismissal, the African American Cultural Association and several other groups presented a program that included elements of African culture and a lecture by Dr. Irv Moxley on "The Pursuit of Excellence."

When I attended the program I was encouraged to see the auditorium filled with students, until I realized that only 10 or so out of the several hundred students there were white. Numerous announcements were made and fliers were posted all over the school on behalf of the program, yet less than a dozen white students cared enough to go learn about another culture.

Then, more recently, SGORR held an after school open discussion session for anyone who wanted to discuss anything about racial affairs in Shaker. How many people showed up? Three. Only two students and one teacher thought that there was anything to be discussed about racial issues in Shaker.

I'm sure they were right. I'm sure that even though students were upset enough in February to walk out of class over the Shakerite article on the racial academic achievement gap, now the issue is totally settled and there is nothing else to be said. I'm sure that we all completely understand each other and blacks and whites are completely comfortable with each other. Yeah, right.

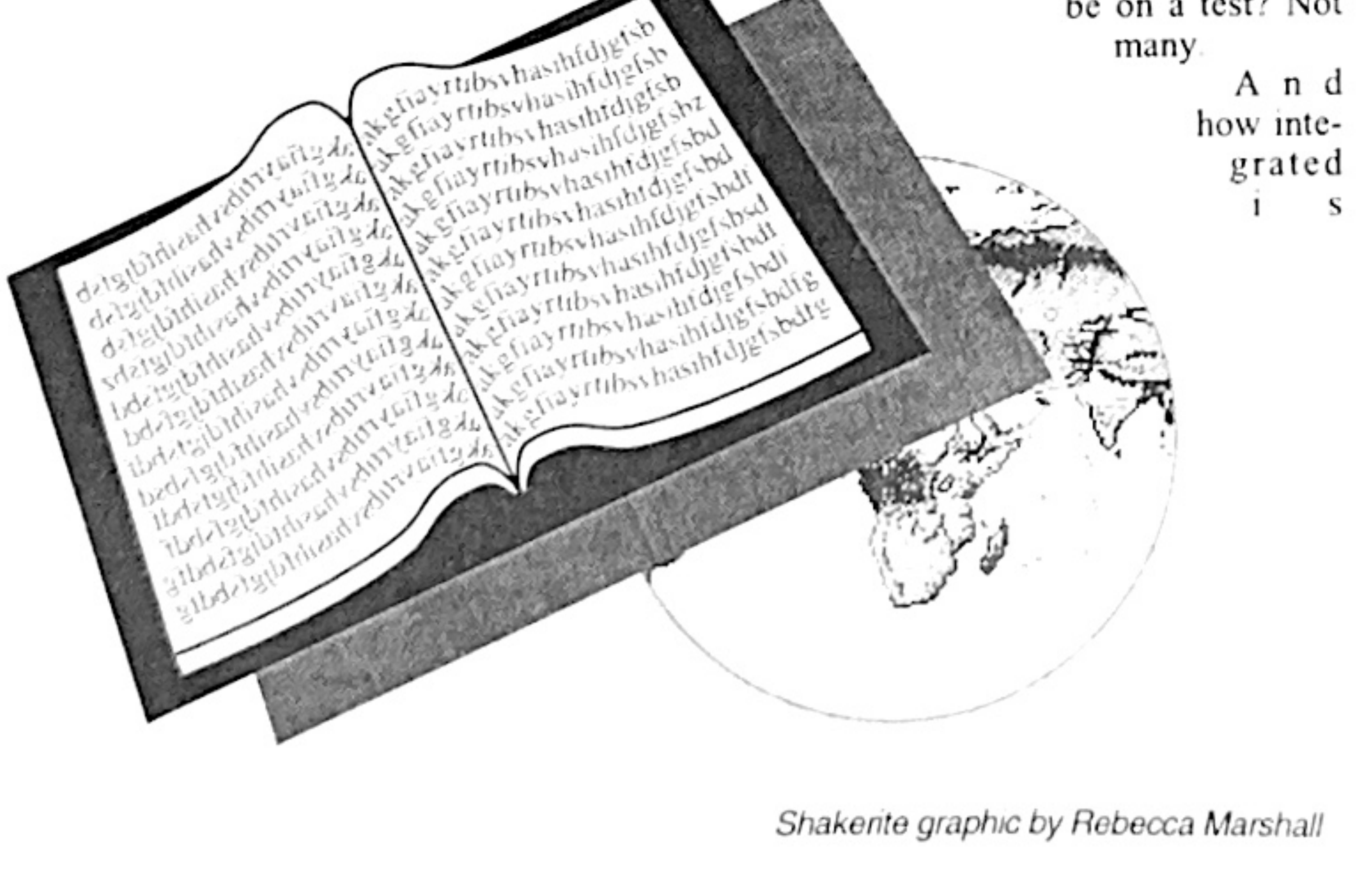
We have a lot of learning to do, but how come it seems that nobody cares? How come nobody showed up for that SGORR meeting and less than a dozen white students showed up for that assembly a few weeks ago? I don't know why exactly, but I suspect that the answer is student apathy. We've all got homework, sports games, meetings, jobs and other things to go to, so nobody has the time to consider racial issues or learn about each other.

Well, if that is the case, then I have a solution. The administration should just require that everyone take African-American history and one other social studies electives from the following list, in addition to the present requirements:

- Human Relations
- Oppression
- Area Studies
- Russian History

Learning about other cultures is more important than competing for the best GPA. Furthermore, this requirement would not only mean that everyone would learn something, but it would also make whites and blacks do this learning *together*.

For students to receive a diploma from Shaker Heights High School, one of the most diverse schools anywhere, without learning something worthwhile about diversity and other world cultures is a waste of an excellent opportunity. Not many kids have the privilege of attending a school as diverse as ours, and the administration must take steps to ensure that Shaker students learn more about each other. I just hope that my class is the last to graduate without doing so.



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WORK IT: *Having a job means independence, experience*

BY JESSICA WEEKS

Opinion Editor

As graduation swiftly approaches and our days as lowly high-schoolers draw to a bittersweet close, it is a time for many of us seniors to reflect on the joys and sorrows of our last four years. For some, it is time to ponder what it was that really made our high school experiences so memorable, lifting our hearts with the joys of youthful vigor– for others, time to remember what really sucked.

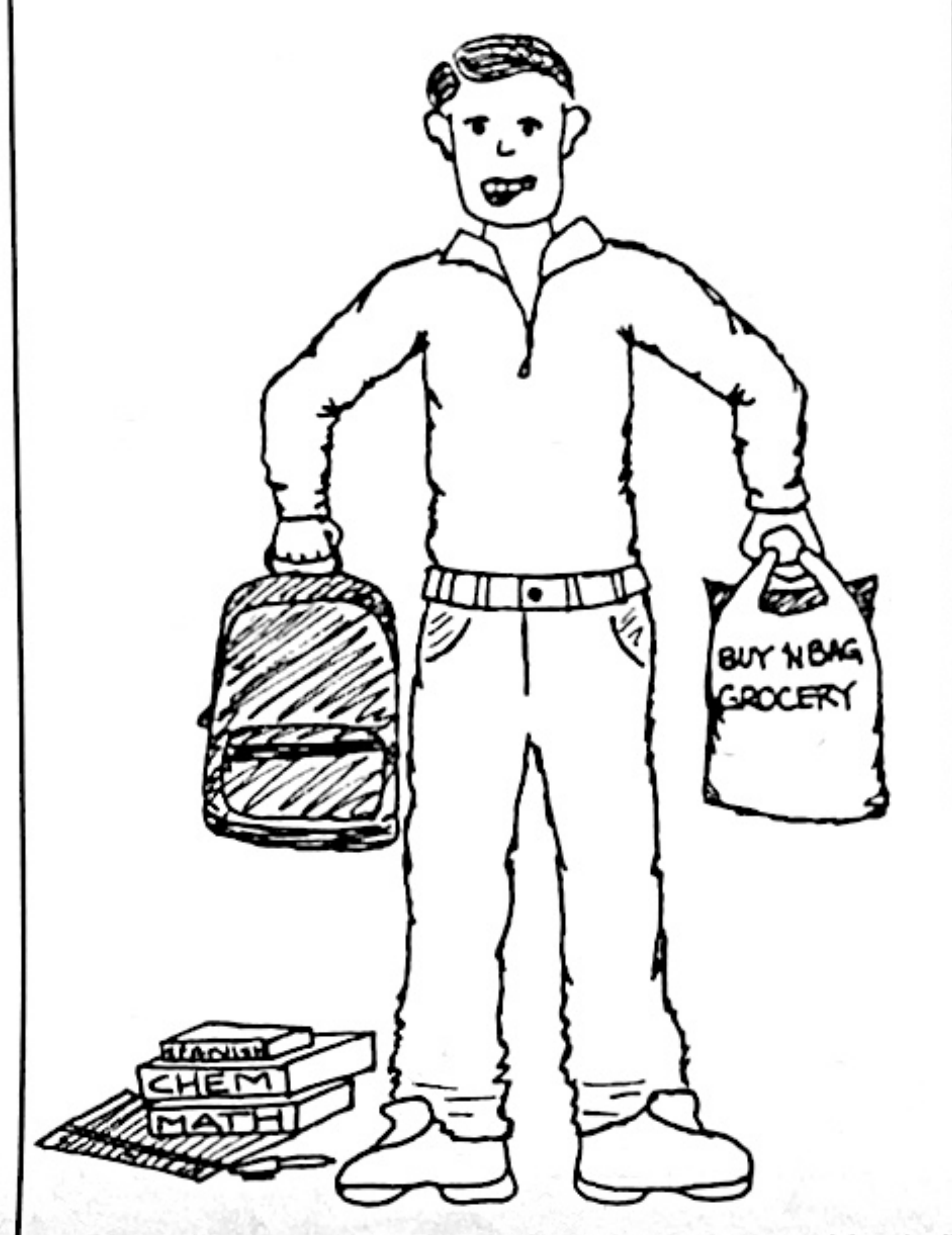
Yes, we have all heard about Dave's penchant for fantasy baseball. We have heard Miles whine about what's wrong with this place. We know of Scott's passion for golf and video games. We even know about Caitlin's tendency to be overly nice ...okay, never mind.

But I must confess; I, too have something I love about high school. It may sound strange, but I love to work.

Before you get too excited, Mr. Patrick, I don't mean homework. I mean *real* work. The kind that gets paid in money, not bonus points. Since I was 15, I've spent about 25 hours a week after school and on weekends at one of two jobs. And I'm surprising myself by saying that despite the long hours, occasional fatigue and significantly diminished party time my jobs brought with them, the time I spent at work was some of the most valuable time of my high school career.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about what it is exactly that makes me like work so much. "You're obsessed with money!" my friends tease me. Sure, it's nice to roll in dough, but it's not like I buy myself a new pair of shoes every week. "You're using it as an excuse not to do homework!" my dad remonstrates. Okay, so maybe I don't feel quite as guilty about not doing my French homework (sorry Madame Berger) when I put in a seven hour shift the night before. But I still get (most of) my schoolwork done. "You're trying to escape from the house!" my mother cries. Alright, so maybe working is a good excuse to stay out until 11:30 on weeknights, but even the cooks at Yours Truly (where I'm a waitress) can't feed me better than my mom.

What it boils down to is the incredible sense of independence I get from earning my own money and doing a hard job well. Nothing gives you a better feeling than when a customer writes a nice comment card about your service– not even a report card full of A's. And no matter how frustrated I feel when my parents and I don't agree about something, I can always rely on the fact that if I wanted to move out and throw the rest of my life away, at least I could do it without starving.



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Of course, there is a whole other side to having a job: the vast number of things you learn that just aren't taught in school. Your boss won't take a little note from your mother explaining that you weren't at work yesterday because of, uhh, "family obligations." AP Calculus is great – I love all those cute little squiggles – but it didn't teach me to calculate 15 percent faster than you can eat a notso fry. And don't get me wrong, AP Physics was exciting while it lasted, but the only thing I need for the flying trajectory of a ketchup bottle is a mop.

In addition to all of the practical skills I learned like running a register, carrying five hot plates at once and smiling at obnoxious customers, I learned to manage my time. To be honest, my grades did suffer, but not to the point where I couldn't go to the college I wanted to. And what better preparation for the hectic world of higher learning than figuring out how to fit three hours of studying into one lunch period?

My parting advice to anyone who has or hasn't considered getting a job after school or on weekends is just do it. You don't need to work 40 hours a week or anything, but a little hard labor once in a while is a good reminder that your future years won't be as easy as the first 18 were. Fun jobs are easy to find, and you may even find that your friends will follow suit.

So, how does that [redacted] taste?

Zoeller's mistake familiar to editor

BY SCOTT FULLER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Tiger Woods' Masters victory was a monumental one. Yes, it was the first time the prestigious tournament has been won by a minority golfer. But more importantly, racial inequalities long established in the sport have finally been addressed (as well as hopefully beginning to disappear), and Woods has sparked interest in the sport among minorities. In a recent column, Bill Livingston reported that Highland Golf Course, a "mecca for minority golfers," would have their nine-week junior program increase from 100 to about 130 or 140 kids. "The biggest difference," said manager Peter Asman, "is in the number of phone calls we've had, from people wanting to know if they can rent clubs to what a round costs. I must have had about 600 calls."

As usual, such a positive phenomenon cannot stand alone in today's society. While there has been much press about these betterments of the game, an equal amount of negative attention has been given to the offensive remarks made by Fuzzy Zoeller. Zoeller, a long-time member of the PGA Tour, a reputed jokester and also a darned nice guy, has been blasted in the media for his insensitive words about Woods in a CNN interview an hour after he finished his fourth round at the Masters. "That little boy is driving well and he's putting well," Zoeller said. "He's doing everything it takes to win. So, you know what you guys do when he gets in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not to serve fried chicken next year." (Woods, as defending champion, will get to choose the menu for next year's Champions Dinner.) Zoeller snapped his fingers, turned to walk away, then added, "Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve."

Such a statement was unquestionably stupid and not funny at all, but this is America, and free speech is protected in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Instead of scolding Zoeller for his comments and then moving on, the media and the rest of society has relentlessly criticized and condemned him, causing Kmart to fire him as their sponsor and Zoeller himself to withdraw from the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic out of shame. He said he would not pick up another golf club until he had personally apologized to Woods.

Shakerite artwork by Dan Moody

It has become quite evident that Zoeller truly is sorry what he said, and that his intentions were not hateful. However, one lesson I have come to learn during my year as Shakerite editor-in-chief is that intentions rarely count in today's world. The "sticks and stones can break my bones" adage no longer exists, because words seem much too powerful, and thus are rarely permitted to be "free" any longer as the Constitution wrote. This past year the Shakerite offended people when we printed a front page concerning minority achievement. We offended people when we spoke out against the poor job the administration has often been doing. We offended people when we wrote about Anders Carlson's three goal game against University School. We offended people when we made made a joke about giving musical socks for Christmas. We offended people when we had a Top Ten about unacceptable things to do in the bathroom. We have probably offended countless others, some we may not even be aware of. As Zoeller tried to make a joke that fell flat big time, so too have we tried to tell a joke or make a necessary comment that many might find tasteless or improper. Our intentions have not been bad, and I wish that in the future more people might understand this, and not get so upset. Zoeller was forgiven; why haven't we been?

Fantasy world

When real baseball no longer satisfies

BY DAVID DEMING

Staff Reporter

Well, it's spring again, and spring means baseball. The crack of the bat, the sharp pop of a Roger Clemens fastball hitting the catcher's mitt, the cheering and jeering of the bleacher bums at Wrigley Field: all this means baseball is back again. And yet, a shadow has been cast over the game. Rising salaries, slower-moving games and labor troubles looming over the horizon all mean that baseball is in danger of losing its long standing status as America's great summer pastime.

Most of us baseball lovers are wondering what we can do to stem the tide, to keep baseball from falling to the meager advertising exploitations of NBA basketball and NFL football. The sad truth is that America's interest in baseball and their almost religious following of "the home team" has waned over the past few decades.

Baseball has become a game of free agent signings and big-market teams, and the commercialization of the sport is symbolic of a greater change in American life. The answer then is not to fight the change, but to embrace it. If baseball is to again be loved by the multitudes, it must be loved for a different reason than before.

Fantasy leagues are becoming more and more popular. The idea of assembling one's own team from the existing players in the league, spotting a young budding superstar and stealing him from another unsuspecting owner, or shying away from that overpriced veteran who has run out of gas, is enough to keep some people's interests in a game that otherwise would have long since bored them.

I know that even though I am and will always be a fan of the game, being involved in a fantasy league helps sustain my interest in baseball for the whole year, making me follow teams that I would normally have no interest in. For young people looking for a sport not only to follow as a spectator but to also take an active part in, there is no better than baseball. And if fantasy baseball makes more people go out and play the game that has always been uniquely American, then that alone makes it a worthwhile pastime.

One final note to all those who would decry fantasy league baseball: let he who is without sin cast the first stone. If you come up to me and tell me what a dork I am for being in a fantasy league, I will be perfectly happy to tell you why you are a dork too.

Magic is the night

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here are a couple of restaurants where you can go to get your grub on!

SHUHEI
23360 Chagrin Blvd.
464-1720
- Dinner for two around $50
- Reservations still available for May 17th

GAMEKEEPERS
87 West Street
247-7744
- Dinner ranging from $14.95-$24 per person (average $18)
- Reservations still available for May 17th

SANS SOUCI
24 Public Square
696-5600
- Dinner for two around $60
- Reservations still available for May 17th

THE WATERMARK
1250 Old River Road
- Dinner ranging from $14.95-$19.95 per person
- Reservations still available for May 17th

Stag or steady? How to deal with Prom if you are left dateless

MATT YOUNGNER
Guest Riter

It's Friday, May 16. About 10 p.m. You are sitting alone in your living room, fumbling through the sad menagerie of TGIF comedies, auto racing specials and old episodes of Highlander: The Series which constitute the evening's television programming.

A bowl of Lucky Charms sits desolate on the table next to you, as the marshmallows melt slowly, but surely, into the sour marsh of ever-congealing milk in which they are inexorably trapped.

The situation seems bleak, at best. Yet somewhere deep within you a glimmer of hope clings desperately to life. Well, buddy, it's time to wake up and face the music. Santa Claus doesn't exist, the Tooth Fairy is dead and you're not getting a date for the Prom.

Come on, girls. That dream guy is not gonna just appear out of nowhere. And fellas, let's be honest with ourselves: it's three weeks later and that girl from Laurel really isn't going to call.

But before you begin planning another Blockbuster night, hear me out. There are plenty of fun things a swingin' student can find to do even if it's not with the rest of the class.

An enjoyable evening can be spent playing laser tag at Q-Zar: the thrill of the hunt, the allure of the death and the indescribable joy of single-handedly whupping the personal record of the Dungeons & Dragons fanatic who, as far as you can tell, seems to have taken up a permanent residence in the labyrinth. If this competitive endeavor and artificial ego boost does not float your boat then you might just be beyond help.

A more expensive yet equally exciting alternative is to make a three-hour marathon drive-thru run. It works like this: in the allotted time period attempt to make and receive an order from as many different restaurants as humanly possible. You get to see the town, eat at least a few things that could taste good, and that much contact with the people who work the drive-thru windows is bound to leave you with a plethora of hilarious stories.

Perhaps your best non-Prom option is an enriching night spent in that greatest of all pursuits: fantasy baseball. You can contemplate trades, calculate statistics, and, if you have any extra-time, begin plotting for next season's draft. Best of all, you can sit back and relax while Karl Ravech and Harold Reynolds guide you through two, yes count them two, scintillating episodes of "Baseball Tonight." This is such an attractive choice that it almost stole notorious ladies' man Scott Fuller away from the Prom.

More realistically, you can simply forget about that stupid date and go to the Prom with some friends who are finding themselves in a similar predicament. Besides being able to commiserate and following the old adage of misery loving company, you will no doubt have a marvelous night just being around people you like. Furthermore, it far outweighs the 'Rachel Zinn Create-a-Date' option, a flat-out scary plan involving sock puppets, mannequins and imaginary voices.

Seriously though, folks, you can avoid going to the Prom and still get a good feel for the whole experience. This can be accomplished quite easily by partaking of the after-Prom festivities. You do not have to pay for a fancy outfit, over-priced tickets or dinner ordered in a language you do not understand and served by a person whose knowledge of American culture is based almost exclusively on Michael Jackson videos and the collected works of David Hasselhoff.

The after-Prom is one big party complete with great prizes, good food and a guest-list comprised of all the people you know best. It is a fun, realistic and appropriate alternative for getting a date.

It is late Friday night and I am telling you not to worry. You can still have a good time on Prom night, even if you cannot find that special someone to enjoy it with. So do not plan to order a pizza Saturday afternoon and dragging the poor delivery man along with you for the ride. Do not get all dressed up, go to dinner and pretend to be stood up in order to pity that cute waitress into going out with you. And, for the love of all that is decent and good, do not ask a parent or cousin! There is no need and no reason to take one of these pathetic courses of action when there is plenty of fun left to be had.

After Hours:

when the dance ends, the real fun begins

After Prom- A tradition at the high school, from 1 to 5 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC). All seniors are invited to attended regardless of whether or not you go to prom.

What to do:

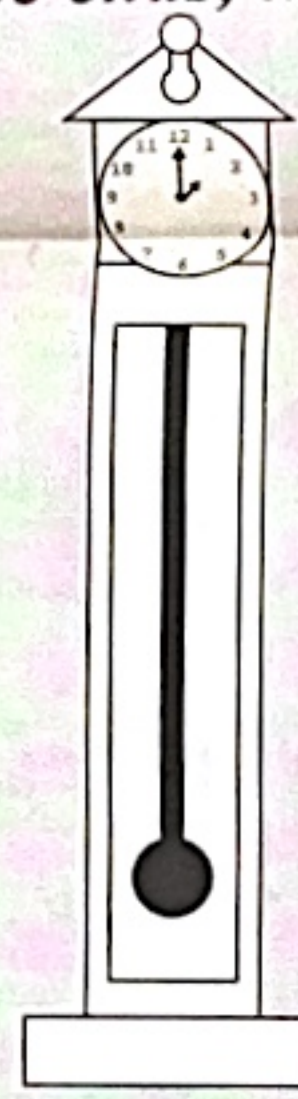
☞ Gambling anyone? If you love to spend money (real or not) we suggest the casino at after-Prom. Not only is gambling allowed, but there are prizes also available.

☞ Anyone attending after-Prom is entered into a raffle with prizes from a refrigerator for your college dorm to a new stereo. Winners will be drawn and announced on a hourly basis.

☞ If gambling is not your thing there is also dancing offered and karaoke. Also specially brought in just for after-Prom is a special magician who will be roaming the room all night.

☞ Still not satisfied, there are rooms to just hang out in and of course... food. All food is provided by the parents and is free, so enjoy.

"After-Prom is a great way to come together and celebrate your senior class, regardless of whether or not you go to Prom," senior parent Beth Mirmelstein said.



Cedar Point- New this year is the 'Way to Go' tour bus providing seniors (plus one guest) a way out to Cedar Point. The bus is scheduled to leave the high school at 8:30 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Tickets will be sold in the gallery for $35.

What to do:

☞ Roller coasters: If you like the feeling you are about to cheat death, defy gravity and basically live on the edge, Cedar Point is packed to the brim with coasters (10 in all). Whether they are wooden, stand-up or inverted, Cedar Point offers some for all tastes.

☞ If coasters are not your thing we suggest the arcades and rows of games guaranteed to cost more than they are worth. Unless in the off chance you win a four foot stuffed purple gorilla, with which you can happily trot around the park all day showing off your skill.

☞ If the main park is not your thing, we suggest Challenge Park. There is putt-putt, racing cars, or if you have guts, bungee jumping, offered for a small extra charge. Admission to the main park is necessary in order to get in, but it is well worth it.

"It's a good way to continue the whole Prom experience. It's one of your last opportunities to spend time with the senior class before graduation," senior Christine Callsen said.

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Top 10 Rap Albums of All Time

Compiled from "The Top 10 Of Everything 1996"

1. MC Hammer; *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em*
2. Vanilla Ice; *To The Extreme*
3. Beastie Boys; *Licence to Ill*
4. Snoop Doggy Dogg; *Doggy Style*
5. Kriss Kross; *Totally Krossed Out*
6. Dr. Dre; *The Chronic*
7. R. Kelly; *12 Play*
8. Run D.M.C.; *Raising Hell*
9. L.L. Cool J; *Bigger and Deffer*
10. Tone Loc; *Loc'ed After Dark*

Rants & Raves says see-ya!

BY NED SACKMAN
Co-A&E Editor

Someone once said if you don't have anything nice to say then don't say anything at all. And that person probably walked around with food stuck in their teeth for the rest of their life. Sometimes it pays to say what you think.

Public Telephones- The shadiest thing I've ever seen is guys that sit in their cars outside the cemetery or in parking lots and talk on public pay phones. What kind of business are they conducting that they can't make a call from their house?

Pagers- There are two types of people that can have pagers: doctors and drug dealers. Nobody else.

Imaginary Numbers- This is without a doubt the most pointless thing I ever had to learn. What possible *real* world application could there be for imaginary numbers?

Cults- By now everyone should know that under no circumstances is it a good idea to join a cult. They're for crazy people.

Shrines- There is no legitimate reason for anyone to have a shrine dedicated to anyone else. Again, they're for crazy people.

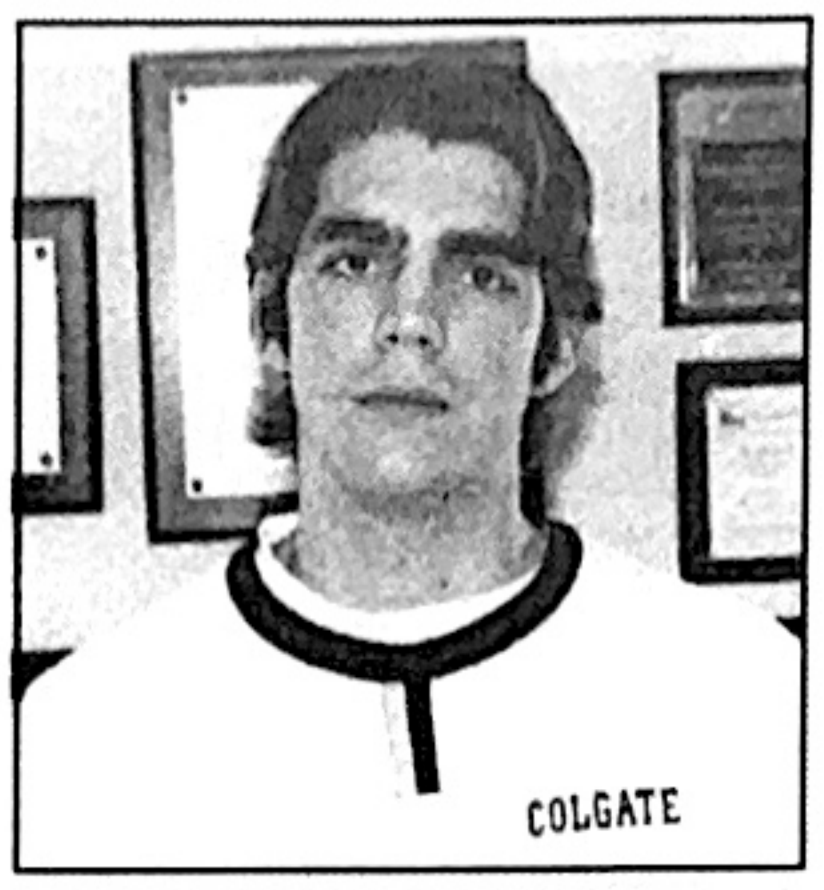
Goons- The only thing guaranteed with goons is that they'll never get the job done right the first time. If I wanted to become a goon would I be able to, or are those jobs reserved for the dumb and the slow?

Abbreviations/acronyms- Why is everyone in such a hurry? Abbreviations are not clever, they're annoying. Unless you're in the military there is no reason for acronyms. In the meantime, try to figure this one out– F.U.Q.

North vs. South- Despite what anyone from the South says, the North will always be superior to the South because the North is on the top of the map.

Aging- The worst part about getting older is that eventually you reach a point where the standards of beauty are not quite as high, and Barbara Walters begins to take on a whole new light.

Bad game- If Clarence Thomas was guilty of anything, it was just bad game. Is that a hair in your what? Come on Clarence, you can do better than that.



RANTS
&
Raves

BY BRENDAN MASINI
Co-A&E Editor

How time has flown. It seems like only yesterday when I typed my first Rant and then my first Rave. I get misty eyed when I think that I may never again get to share my insights with you, yes you, Shaker Heights High School. My only hope is that after I am gone you will still be able to appreciate the wisdom that I have graciously donated.

Drinking Blood- If you cut your finger, invariably the first thing you will do is put it in your mouth and suck on it. Does that make you a vampire? Hey, Dracula, why don't you just get a band-aid?

Super- Super is an adjective that has lost all meaning. If someone tells you that something you have done is super, then they are probably being sarcastic.

Velcro- In the early 80's, velcro was the best. Now, if you have something that has velcro on it, you are probably not going to wear it in public.

SweetTarts- A candy that is sweet and tart, the best of both worlds.

Beasts- I hope I never run into a beast because you can never be sure if it is a friendly beast or one of those beasts that eats little children.

Bean Bags- There is no doubt that bean bags are fun to play with, but don't believe that they are harmless. If a bean bag hits you in the eye, it is no joke.

Stumpy- This is a nickname that you automatically get whenever you lose any of your limbs.

Lumpy- If your nickname is Lumpy, then you have a more serious problem.

Thermodynamics- If you hear someone start talking about thermodynamics outside of school, then that person is a science geek.

Cannibals- If at any time you have the urge to eat human flesh, come into the Shakerite office so we can beat some sense into you.

358- If this is the number of home runs that your fantasy baseball team players hit last year then you are destined to win your league.

Bonds & Belle- If they are on your team, ditto.

What's Goin' On?

- **Ekoostik Hookah**, Friday May 9 and Saturday May 10, The Odeon
- Annual **Reggae Fest**, Saturday May 10, Peabody's Downunder
- **Dinosaur Junior**, Wednesday May 14, The Agora
- **Mullins Band**, Friday May 16, The Odeon
- **Pietasters** (ska), Saturday May 17, The Grog Shop
- **The Offspring** and **L7**, Monday May 19, The Agora
- **Oroboros** and **Third Wish**, Wednesday May 23, Peabody's Downunder
- **Moonlight Drive**, Tuesday May 24 (10:30 p.m.), Peabody's Downunder
- **The Rugburns**, Tuesday May 27, The Agora
- ***The Why Store***, *Sunday* June 1, Peabody's Downunder
- **Santana** and **Rusted Root**, Friday June 27, Blossom Music Center

Tickets for these and other events can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 241-5555.

What's wrong with modern music?

Miles ponders the state of the American music scene

BY MILES BERGER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I hate everything on the radio. I hate modern music. I hate it so much that I can't bear to discuss it. Alanis Morisette, Dr. Dre, No Doubt; everything on the radio is a cheap knock-off or bad imitation of something from the 60's or 70's.

So what made the music of the 60's and 70's so good? It grooved, it made you want to dance, it was fun and it had style. The hippie music of the 60's and the funk and disco hits of the 70's were based on the early rock'n'roll riffing of Chuck Berry, Bo Didley and earlier blues acts like Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. But, the music of the 60's and 70's was based on this earlier music, not copied from it.

Compare this to the modern music that we hear on the radio. Alternative bands copy riffs off of older rock bands, rap groups steal beats from the 70's under the guise of "sampling," and R&B groups moan about how in love they are, except they sing about a different girl in each song. Polygamy, anyone?

But there are some new bands that make original music and come up with their own musical ideas (of course, there are a few decent techno and rap acts to be found as well). Don't expect to hear these bands on the radio, but the good news is that they tour a lot and they tend to play small, intimate clubs.

> ***"...there are some new bands that make original music and come up with their own musical ideas..."***

There is certainly a cool ambiance that surrounds seeing a really good band in a club so small that you can see the droplets of sweat on their brows, knowing all the while that few others know about the music you are listening to. This is why underground music always has a certain appeal that mainstream music by definition cannot have. Yet the following bands make music that is good on its own merits, not just because they are underground.

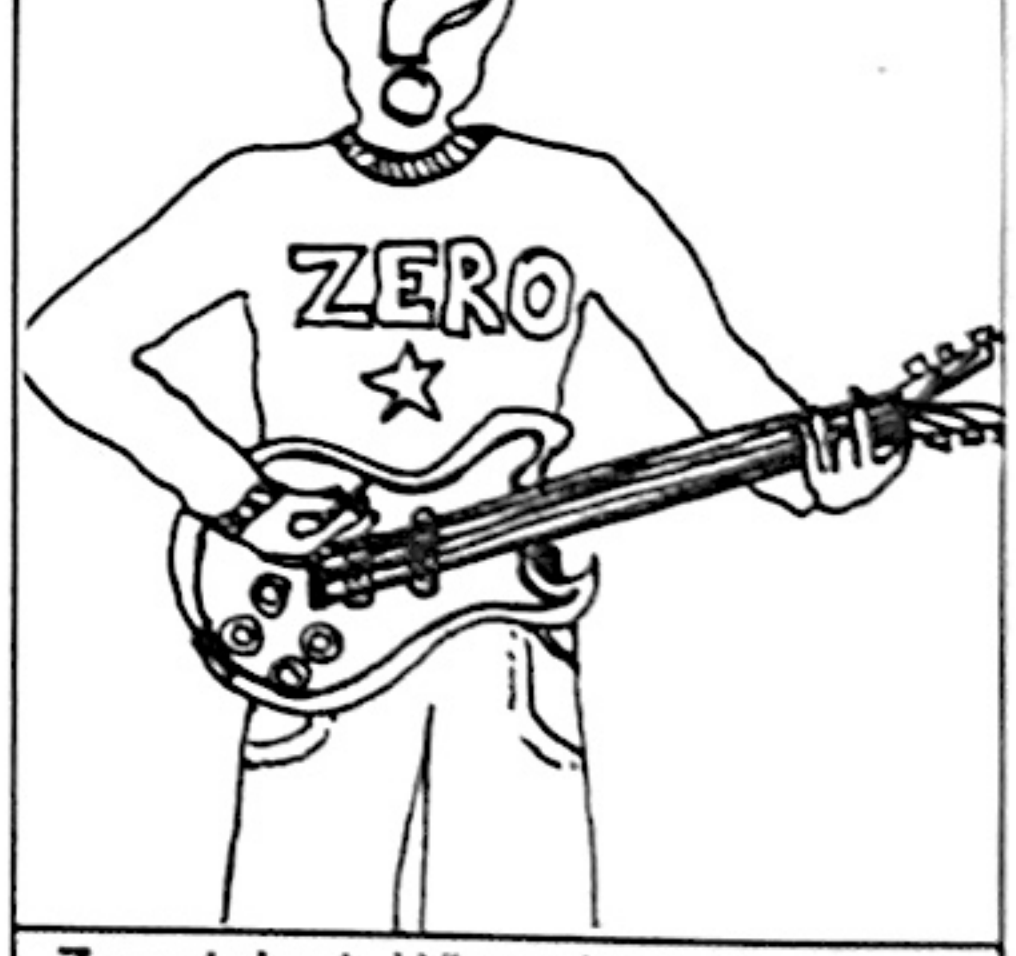
Check out **Ekoostik Hookah**, for example. They are a regional hippie-rock band that plays at the Odeon in the Flats (752-5331) about once a month. They jam a lot in concert and their music is in the same vein as the Grateful Dead, but they definitely have their own style. Check 'em out.

Also, if you get the chance, see **The Slip**, a hippie jam band from Boston. They don't usually come this far West, and they don't sing much, but their jams weave various musical phrases in and out of epic musical tapestries. Don't miss seeing them if you ever have the chance.

If you're more into reggae and ska (a faster, more upbeat style of reggae), check out **The Toasters**. In fact, even if you have never heard of ska, check these guys out anyway. They are an East coast ska band that plays in Cleveland once in a while, usually at the Grog Shop (321-5588) or Peabody's Downunder (241-0792). Their music sounds like reggae on speed, and their live performances overflow with energy as they jump all over the place. You may come out of their shows with a bit of sweat on your brow, but their melodies will stick with you, and it's so much fun that you'll never mind.

And finally, **Soul Coughing** and **G. Love and Special Sauce**. Two bands that truly know how to groove, and both of them have string bass players. Need I say more?

So no more complaints about modern music and the junk that gets played on the radio. Good music is out there, but you have to look for it. Happy hunting.



Zero talent. Who will be the next big thing?

What's your favorite CD?

"I like Bob Marley's *Rebel Music* because he sings about what he believes in."

-Senior Chris DeVaul

"I know my favorite CD will be the double-disc that Wu-Tang Clan comes out with next month."

-Junior Andy Campen

"Billy Joel showed me the way to the river of dreams."

-Freshman Justin Gurney

"I like Too Short's *Shorty the Pimp* because he just comes right out with it."

-Freshman Dante Mines

"I like Redman's *Muddy Waters* because the lyrics and the beat are tight."

-Freshman Ja'Nai Waden

"I like Bob Dylan's *Blonde on Blonde* because it keeps me from getting sick of the radio."

-Junior Briana Hensold

"My favorite CD is *Tekken 2* because you can enjoy it for three hours every night."

-Senior Sam Root

"I like Outkast's *ATLiens* because the songs are a good mix of east and west coast styles."

-Senior Dawn Davis

"My favorite CD is *1000 Curfews* because it puts me in a good mood when I'm upset."

-Senior Julie Rosenberg

A&E reviews live Zepset and *The Saint*

BY NED SACKMAN
Co-A&E Editor

When Led Zeppelin played their last concert in 1980 it was the end of an era. The rhythm and blues that was synonomous with 70's rock faded into the over-dramatic heavy metal wailers of the 80's. Since then, good rock-and-roll bands have been few and far between. Refreshingly, the new live album by The Jason Bonham Band, *In the Name of My Father* (Jason Bonham is the son of deceased Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham) showcases the original Zeppelin classics in excellent covers, ***but the band still*** adds ***their touch to the music.***

And that they do. Bonham plays drums with power unheard since his father was breaking skins in the early 70's. On guitar Tony Catania does justice to the screeching wail that defined Jimmy Page. Not only does the band recreate the Zeppelin sound, but they also realize the importance of band dynamics. In "Ramble On," the band lazily saunters through the verses, while flexing their muscle during the refrain. Catania phrases, "Since I've been Lovin' You," with the same relaxed blues that made this slow number so electrifying in Zeppelin's heyday. Again, Catania captures the shimmering optimism of "The Song Remains the Same," while having the finesse to slowly strum the somber opening of "Ten Years Gone."

While it would be ridiculous to say a cover band is better than the original, this is the best one I've ever heard. They may not be the real thing, but they offer a glimpse of how these songs were supposed to sound.

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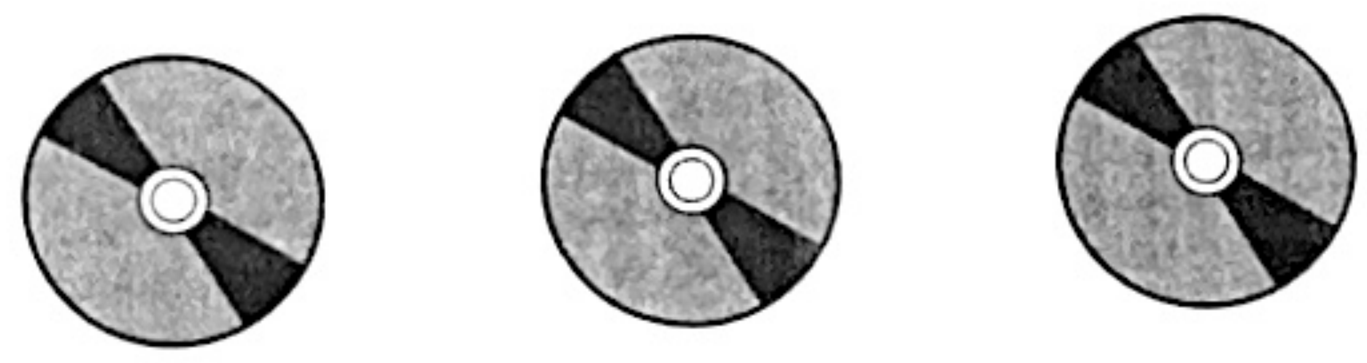
(Three out of four)

BY AMY COHEN
Staff Reporter

With the arrival of a new movie comes the question of what category it should be placed under. Is it an action-packed thriller? A head-over-heels romance? Or a hold-your-breath murder-mystery? Yet, *The Saint*, starring Val Kilmer and Elisabeth Shue, is a movie that can be placed in all of these categories.

Kilmer plays Simon Templar, a self-reliant thief whose success is built on his dexterity with high-tech gadgets and ability to change his appearance through numerous disguises. While on a mission to discover the formula for cold fusion, Kilmer meets Emma (Shue), who is the genius behind the desired recipe. In his attempts to seduce her in order to steal the formula, he also steals her heart, and the two discover their true love for each another.

All the characters in *The Saint* are cast to perfection. The dynamic duo of Kilmer and Shue are a perfect match, and it is their chemistry which allows the movie to come across as both believable and realistic. They play off each other, adding color to the other characters and to the film as a whole.

***The Saint* is an edge-of-your-seat thriller, never easing up for a moment on the humor, suspense and intrigue which** *put this movie in a class of its own. The film is without a dull moment, and those watching will find themselves anxiously* awaiting the next fight, laugh or disguise which Kilmer so readily utilizes. *The Saint* is an action-packed film stuffed with more than your average movie, and your average viewer will love it.

(Four out of four)

Fantasy Baseball League

With the warm breeze and late nights of summer also comes a rekindled excitement for major league baseball. Across the country fantasy baseball leagues are catching on. With every new season comes a new year to pick the best possible team. "Why spend the time?" some ignorant skeptics would ask. Is it for the fame, the glory, the girls (probably not the girls), the money? When it comes down to it, fantasy baseball is the best way to answer the age old question: what guy knows the most about sports? So this year in our final issue, Brendan and I have decided to include the latest draft in our own fantasy league. For more information you can contact us on the world wide web at http://www.sucker.com. The numbers represent the order in which the players were drafted. –Ned Sackman

Brendan Masini	Scott Fuller	Alex Rawson	Mike Andrikanich	Matt Fuerst	Dave Deming	Schuyler Schmidt	Ned Sackman	Matt Youngner
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CJones	Bagwell	R.Alomar	Smoltz	Young	Brown	Knoblauch	Maddux	L.Walker **2**
A.Fernandez **3**	Thome	Larkin	Galarraga	Burks	Palmeiro	Reynolds	Biggio	E.Martinez
I.Rodriguez	Ramirez	Hentgen	Jeter	Mondesi	Nomo	Sosa	Valdes	Bichette **4**
Castilla **5**	Hundley	Caminiti	Pettitte	Mussina	B.Williams	R.Johnson	Gilkey	Neagle
Appier	Nagy	Schilling	Durham	Cone	Glavine	P.Martinez	Fryman	Clemens **6**
Hernandez **7**	Grissom	Jordan	Salmon	D.Bell	AnBenes	Grudzielanek	Ashby	M.Willams
Buhner	Karros	A.Leiter	S.Finley	Fassero	Anderson	L.Johnson	Klesko	King **8**
McGwire **9**	McGriff	Jaha	Palmer	Wetteland	Hoffman	Wohlers	Cirillo	Nen
Goodwin	Gant	Brantley	K.Hill	R.Sanders	Percival	Ripken	R.Martinez	Hamilton **10**
Guzman **11**	Lankford	Greer	Edmonds	Alvarez	Cordova	Bottalico	R.White	Worrell
Astacio	Rojas	Bonilla	J.Gonzalez	Cordero	Higginson	M.Clark	Rivera	McDowell **12**
Lansing **13**	Smiley	Osborne	JnValentin	Brosius	Berry	Sprague	McLemore	McRae
Vizquel	Berroa	O'Neill	A.Gonzalez	Clayton	Steinbach	Delgado	T.Martinez	Martin **14**
Canseco **15**	Key	Stottlemyre	Gwynn	Conine	Renteria	Nilsson	Wilson	JsValentin
S.Sanders	Burba	Justice	H.Rodriguez	S.Fernandez	DeShields	Santiago	G.Vaughn	Kendall **16**
Belcher **17**	McDonald	Sandberg	Kile	C.Finley	Trachsel	Eldred	MaGrace	Alou
Surhoff	Garciaparra	Timlin	Radke	Lopez	Offerman	T.Clark	Beck	Perez **18**
Ventura **19**	Schourek	Morris	JnFranco	Fetters	T.Walker	Baerga	Hampton	Giambi
Slocumb	Veras	Navarro	Stanley	G.Hill	Jefferies	Helling	Carter	Boone **20**
Mesa **21**	Myers	D.White	Roberts	M.Johnson	Burkett	E.Davis	Montgomery	Prieto
Merced	Avery	Molitor	Baldwin	Park	L.Castillo	Rosado	AlBenes	Harnisch **22**
Phillips **23**	Wells	Dunston	Mabry	Zeile	Erstad	Greene	Ogea	Newfield
Colbrunn	Hollndswrth	Eckersley	Wakefield	F.Castillo	Hunter	Taylor	Whiten	Garcia **24**
Moyer **25**	C.Davis	Fielder	Rogers	JuFranco	J.Bell	Snow	Green	W.Clark
Nixon	Elster	Hershiser	Wagner	C.Johnson	MacFarlane	Taubensee	S.Alomar	Hoiles **26**
B.Jones **27**	Wilkins	Tartabull	Hudek	Damon	Estes	Becker	Sorrento	MiGrace

Best Senior quotes of 1990

"Shayker iz a goode skoole."
- Dennis Byron

"When in doubt, mumble."
- Kyle Freimuth

"It seems like just yesterday . . . that it was the day before today."
- Douglas Forsberg

"Life is like a beaver colony . . . just one dam thing after another."
- Francesca Gambetti

Contemporary Cults

LaPorte Church of Christ

Located in Colorado, this cult of a few dozen people is led by Pastor Pete Peters. He warns against trusting authority, and suspects that there is a one-world government run by the Antichrist. Peters stockpiles weapons to prepare for the coming race war, and his home is guarded by Rottweilers. He claims he is a member of the Christian Identity, and that only Identity members will survive the coming era.

The Church Universal and Triumphant (CUT)

CUT members live on a ranch near Yellowstone National Park, and are led by Elizabeth Clare Prophet. She preaches about the coming of Armegeddon, and maintains a following of several thousand. She told her members, "We need your sacrifice. The world is about to fail." CUT also compiled weapons so they can defend themselves if necessary. However, CUT gave up their arsenal to keep their tax-exempt status as a church.

House of Yahweh

Yisrael Hawkins preaches that blacks are the true Jews in his Texas cult. He claims he has powers to nearly destroy the world. He gained a following by advertising on the Internet and public-access TV. More than 200 cult members have legally changed their names to Hawkins as a sign of devotion to their leader.

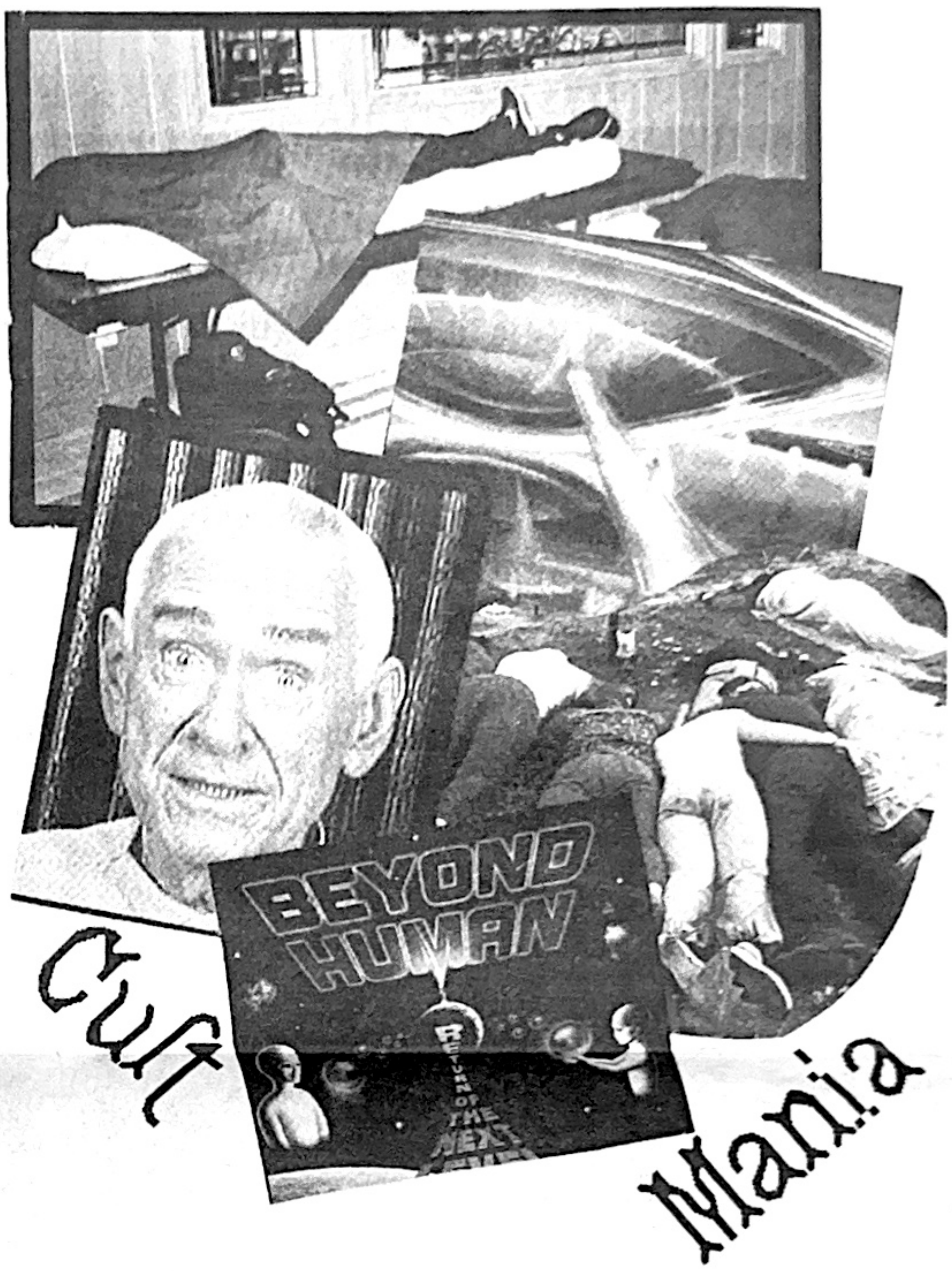
The Way International

This cult hits close to home with its headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio. The cult had at one time begun to die out, but membership is steadily increasing. Former members have told tales of sexual abuse, military training and food deprivation.

Heaven's Gate

Led by Marshall Herff Applewhite, this cult had a mass suicide March 24-25 in Rancho Santa Fe, California after comet Hale-Bopp's arc reached its closest proximity to Earth. One of the 39 members was from Ohio. They ate pudding and applesauce laced with phenobarbital, were told to "lay back and relax" and covered themselves with plastic bags and purple shrouds.

Shakerite source: Newsweek



Kirtland Massacre

BY JON HAUSMAN

Staff reporter

Cult terror hit close to home in 1990 when the Avery family was murdered in Kirtland by a cult. The cult, called the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (RLDS), was led by Jeffrey Lundgren.

The Avery family had three children and were members of RLDS. It is suspected that they were planning to defect from the group.

The Avery family was found buried under their barn, bound with duct tape and shot. A cult member ran a chainsaw during the murders to muffle the sounds of gunshots.

Motivations and missions

Students speculate on the reasons people join cults

BY TOBY BULLOFF

Co-Feature editor

◆"I think people usually join cults when they are mad at something and vulnerable. I am most sorry when people make fun of the Heaven's Gate members because those people are real people with families," junior Danielle Thornton said.

◆"I think people join cults when they want a sense of family. Once they get that love and appreciation, it is easier for them to be brainwashed," senior Katie Baron said.

◆"People might join because they want companionship. It is hard to find people like you. Something bad could only happen to you if you are not strong willed enough to know right from wrong," junior Toni Berry.

◆"After reading *Helter Skelter*, I can understand the power of persuasion. Charles Manson almost had me convinced. I think high schoolers are more vulnerable because they are willing to believe anything, especially when a person has a powerful presence. And Manson certainly was that– even at 5'2!" junior David Hauser said.

Tim Stoen, an ex-Jonestown believer, thinks people join cults in moments of weakness. People want the routine of a cult and a family surrounding. But, he notes that people from functional families are also attracted to cults.

"I was looking to create a utopian society where people of all races and classes could create a community... I ultimately became Jim Jones' lawyer and the People's Temple's business and political adviser," Stoen said.

His son was taken into the compound and killed in the 913-person suicide in 1978. Stoen and his wife escaped, only after being brainwashed and threatened by Jones.

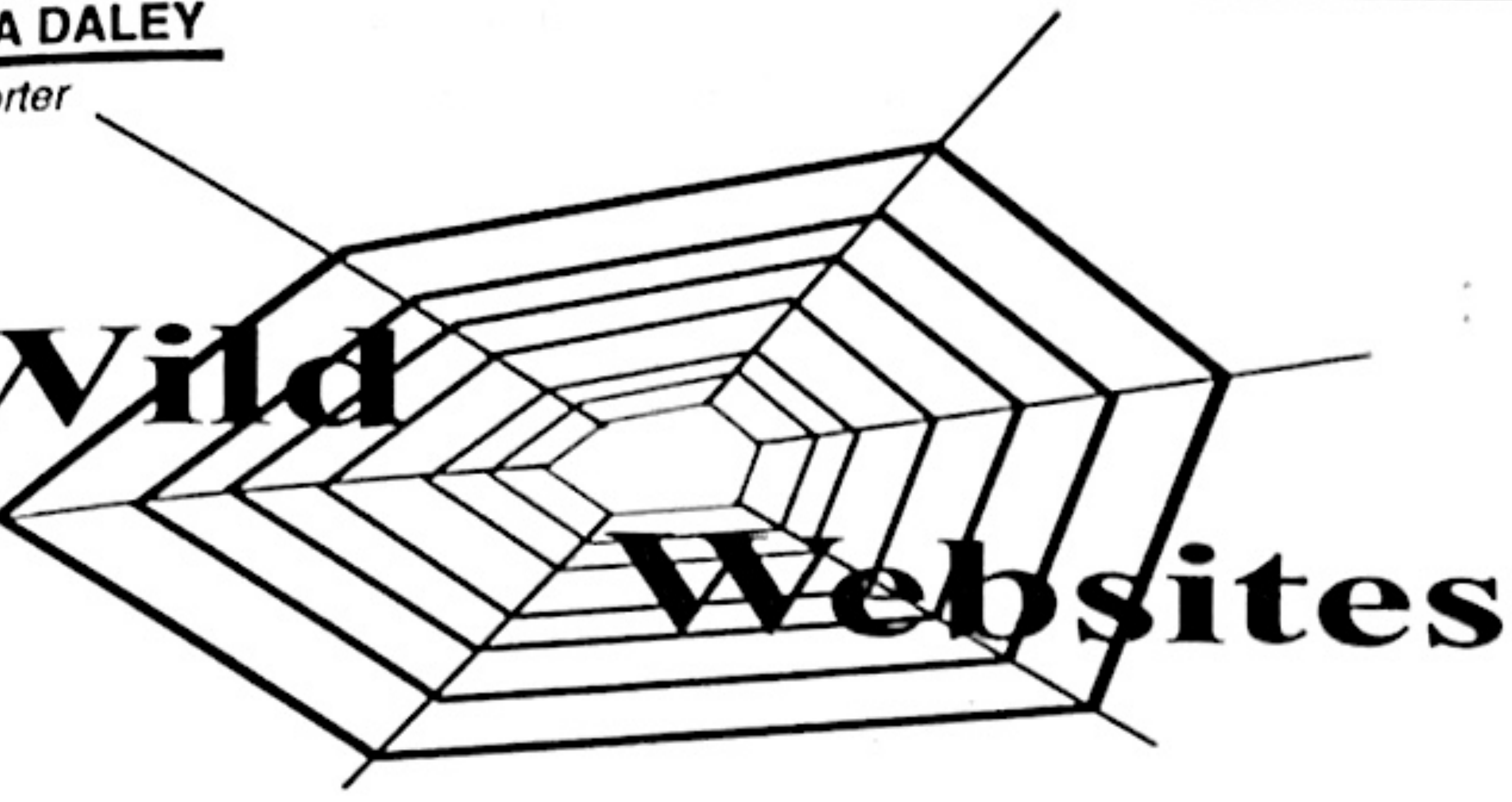
Some of the Heaven's Gate members were rebels and dropouts, but many were ordinary. Susan Strom, a college student at Oregon State University, heard Marshall Herff Applewhite speak and was immediately attracted to him. Her parents were not worried about her because she seemed happy and was living as a computer programmer in a beautiful mansion in California.

John Craig was a successful businessman in Colorado. When he was 41, he went to hear Applewhite. The next morning, he left his wife and six children with a note explaining that he was going to meet the spaceship because the end of the world was coming.

There are many similar stories of ordinary people joining cults. Whatever their reasons, it seems that nobody is immune from the lure of acceptance and devotion to a cause.

Shakerite source: Newsweek

BY ANNA DALEY
Staff Reporter



Wild Websites

Banned books online
http://www.cs.cmu.edu/web/people/spok/banned-books.html

Interactive frog dissection
http://arry.edschool.Virginia.edu:80/inttech/frog

***My So-Called Life* website**
http://wmn.edu/alhome/g 564/lask0008/mscl.atml

Humans Against Macarena
www.HAM.com

The Satanic Network
http.//www.satannet.com/

Student creates website

Freshman Brian Immerman explains his cheese web page

Q. What is your web page about?
A. My whole page is about cheese. The idea for the page was a joke, but the quotes from people are real. I asked people what they thought of cheese and their responses are on the page.

Q. How does someone set up a web page?
A. You have to write the web page out. This can be done with any word processor using the programming language HTML (Hyper Text Mark-up Language). New languages such as VRML (Virtual Reality Mark-up Language) allow for animation and 3-D art.

Q. How does the set-up differ by server?
A. It does not. The server only stores the web page for access by internet users. It has nothing to do with the actual web page set-up, it just controls access to it.

Q. What does your website address mean?
http://members.aol.com/Rbladerb/cheese.htm
A. The "http" tells the browsers to look for a World Wide Web page as opposed to a FTP or Usenet, "members..." tells the browser which server houses the file, "Rbladerb" is the directory and "home.htm" is the file name.

Q. Are there a lot of students on the web?
A. Many students have e-mail addresses, and I am sure a few have homepages, but theme pages like mine made by students are rare.

Crush or obsession?

Sometimes an innocent crush can go way too far . . .

BY RACHEL ZINN
Co-Feature Editor

The phone rings.

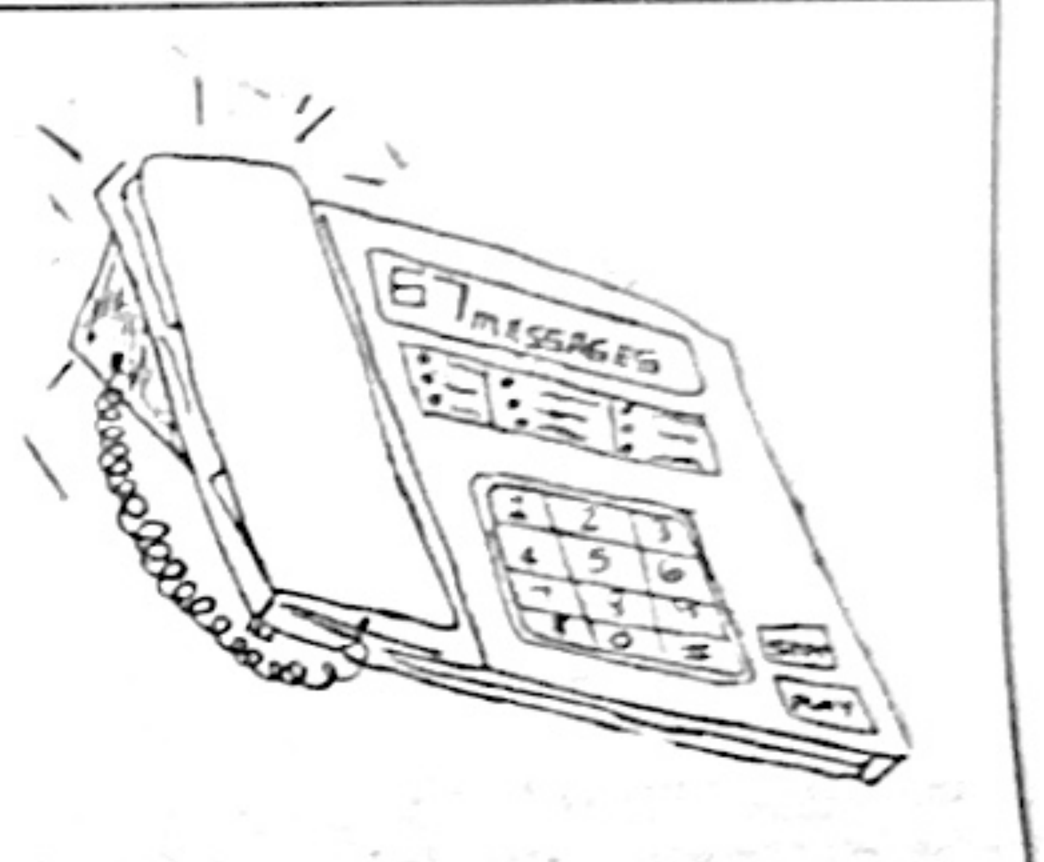
You don't want to pick it up, because you already know who it is. He calls you four times a day and cannot take no for an answer.

The phone is silent, but you know it will ring again soon.

Having a crush is a basic part of adolescence, but some students say that it can go too far. Sophomore Todd Finley is turned off by girls who seem desperate to get to know him.

"I have girls that call me all the time, but I think that to get somebody's heart, you have got to give them space. I don't like it when girls try to be with me all the time, because I worry that somebody might like me too much," Finley said.

Many intense crushes are harmless, but they can lead to uncomfortable situations. Sophomore Alan Murphy recalls an experience with a girl who was interested in him.



Shakerite art by Amy Johnson

"This one girl kept asking me out and I kept making excuses. She didn't get the point that I was trying to turn her down, so she just kept asking. After a while it got to the point where I couldn't talk to her because it was too akward," Murphy said.

Senior Alisa Beck said that minor obsessions are not too unhealthy, as long as students do not harrass their crushes.

"I have some friends who drive past guys' houses and stuff, or follow them around at school sometimes. That kind of thing does not seem like a big deal to me. As long as they don't call the guy all the time or accost them at school, crushes from afar seem pretty normal," Beck said.

Freshman Sarah Ronis received phone calls from one boy who crossed the line. He called every day for three months, after he had gotton her phone number from a mutual friend in Marrietta, where Ronis used to live.

"He just wanted to talk, but some days he would leave multiple messages for me in the space of 20 minutes. Once in a while he called seven times a day. He finally stoppd calling when my Nanny told him off, and I've never heard from him since," Ronis said.

Ronis was not frightened by the phone calls because the boy lived in another city.

"This guy was mostly just annoying. I think he was just bored and had nothing better to do. I wasn't too freaked out, because he didn't know where I lived or anything," Ronis said.

Senior Camille Moukwa has a friend who became obsessed with a boy she dated.

"She used to do little things, like call him all the time. After they broke up in the tenth grade, she used to drive by his house and sit outside," Moukwa said.

In the case of Moukwa's friend, her crush was a symptom of more serious mental problems.

"She's seeing a therapist because she has a problem becoming obsessed with people. I think she is over him now, because she has a new boyfriend and she doesn't really talk about him anymore," Moukwa said.

Webster's Dictionary defines obsession as "such a persistant desire that it cannot be got rid of by reason." Students acknowledge crushes as a normal part of growing up, but they can become dangerous if they control someone's life.

Country Capitalism simulation: educates and entertains

BY SARAH LEVIN
Staff Reporter

For students in CP government this semester, a normal classroom is transforming into a thriving world of diplomacy and controversy. Students struggle to keep the peace between nations and save their innocent citizens from starvation.

Country Capitalism, a game created by Baird Wiehe in the 1970's and ended in 1983 to simulate a country's economy and government, is back and alive in the classes of teachers Sarah Davis, Weihe and Ruben Henderson.

The game starts with students creating a mythical country and putting it on the map. Then, students buy and sell land and raw materials.

According to Wiehe, the game helps students develop self-direction, encourages cooperation and demands participation.

Senior Jenny Dorsey agreed the game is an intense experience that demands good group skills.

"The game is hard. You're constantly thinking about it and interacting with others. But it also helped us to get to know each other better and work together as a class," Dorsey said.

Some examples of pretend countries and their currencies are: Wiehedom with McBucks, ValueWorld with VWs, Casper with Cheddars and Chaos with Koins.

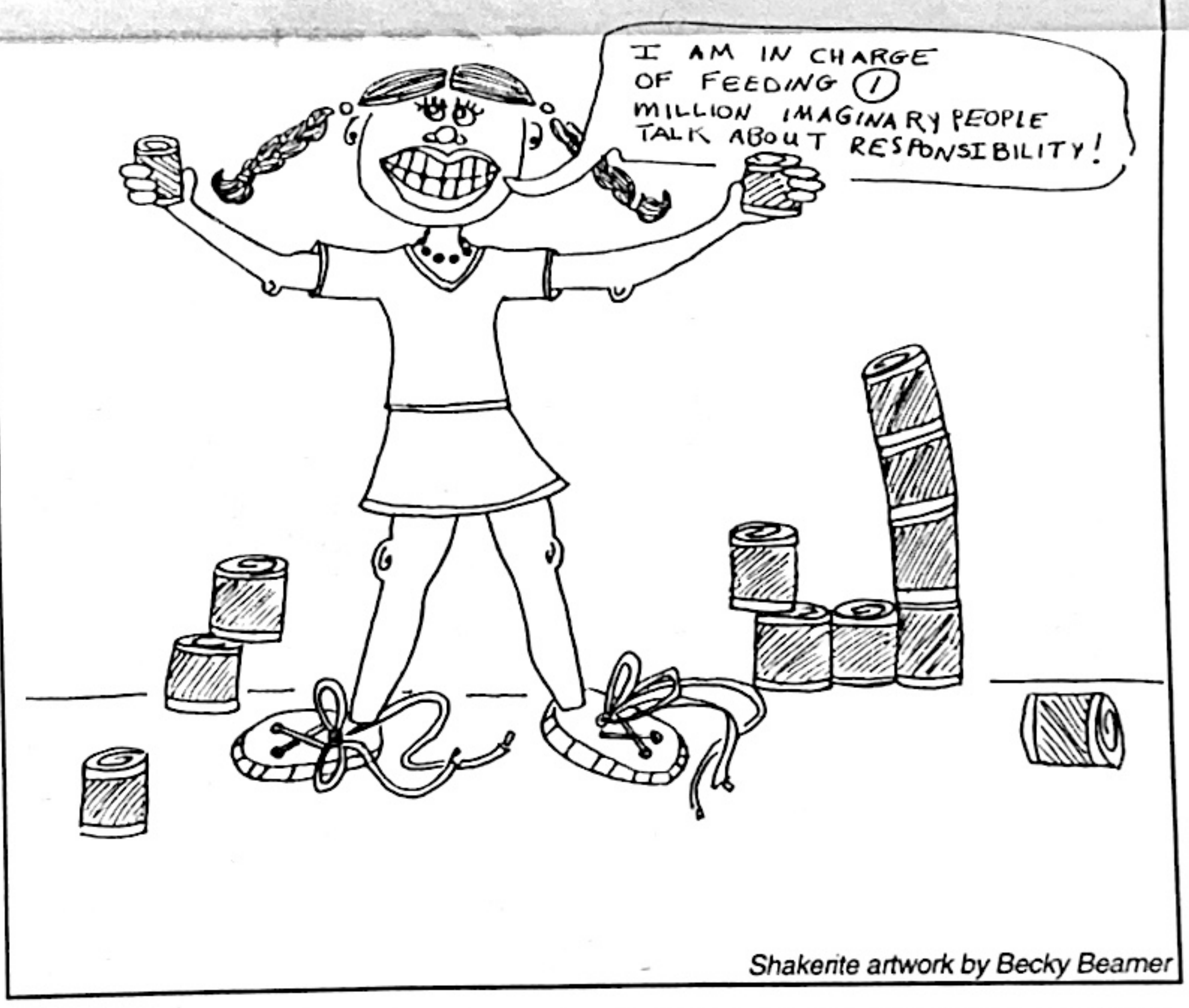
There are three major groups involved in the game: a private sector which controls mining, oil and utilities, government which includes a Prime Minister and four other positions and a Labor Leader who regulates employment.

Senior Megan Jones is a Prime Minister in her country, so she holds the head government position.

"A Prime Minister oversees everyone, but my main responsibility is to correspond with the other countries in our class. Everyone comes to me with their problems and I just have to deal with it," Jones said.

Cooperation is key in Country Capitalism, because the entire class must work together to accomplish several main objectives.

- ☐ operate a new country successfully in the present world economy
- ☐ engage in diplomacy with real and mythical countries
- ☐ secure backing for the country's currency in gold, silver, oil or foreign currency
- ☐ establish growth with minimal inflation
- ☐ maintain and enforce fair business practices
- ☐ turn in a food ticket for each student every day to show country's population is being fed


I AM IN CHARGE OF FEEDING ① MILLION IMAGINARY PEOPLE
TALK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY!

Shakerite artwork by Becky Beamer

Senior Raj Arrington-Bey thinks the game is a good idea, but he gets aggravated by the other students in the class.

"The game is really frustrating to me, because some people in our class aren't doing what they are supposed to. It's more enjoyable than lectures, but it affects me when other students don't do their share of the work," Arrington-Bey said.

Jones likes the concept of Country Capitalism, but said her class was too rushed at the start of the game to fully enjoy it.

"The game is good in theory, but we did not have enough time to prepare before we started. It needed to be started in a different way. Most of the problems we are facing now are circular, so they stem from lack of preparation at the beginning," Jones said.

Each student is required to keep a daily log, and students are graded differently depending on their role in the simulation. Grades generally reflect the economic and diplomatic success of the mythical country.

Senior Tiffany Huff has learned from the game, but would not recommend it to future classes in its current form. She feels the game needs to be simplified.

"I've learned all about the business-world. The game is definitely better than reading from a textbook. We just need better organization and simpler rules, because these long packets of explanation are making people go into comas. Everyone is really frustrated," Huff said.

In the packet explaining the rules of Country capitalism, the government teachers expressed their enthusiasm for the game as an effective learning tool.

"We believe that this is a better alternative for second semester government students. We taught how our legislative and judicial branches operate before the game. This is a real opportunity to do real work that will have real consequences," the packet stated.

A lost friend and teammate...Former Brazilian foreign exchange student Clovis Borjing died in a motorcycle accident last month. He was a member of the varsity soccer team in 1995. We express our deepest condolences to his friends and family across the world.

Shaker spring sports clean up

BY TOM GELEHRTER AND LAURA CURTISS
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With the snow finally gone, and the fans out of the hockey rink, the spring sports teams are heating it up.

Spring sports teams that have started off their seasons with a winning record include the baseball team, the men's and women's lacrosse teams, the track teams, and the men's tennis team.

Baseballs have been flying over fences and pitchers have been ringing up strikeouts as the varsity baseball team has been successful through 12 games.

The starting three pitchers, Andrew Earley, Jason St. Onge and Ben Pamies have accumalated a combined record of 9-3. St. Onge leads the pack with a record of 3-0 and a 0.59 ERA.

"Jason is having an outstanding season so far. He has been unflappable, nothing seems to phase him," head coach Bud Longo said. "Earley has also done a good job on the mound."

Not only does the team have a set of good arms but they have also had a few big bats. Richard McCormack (.346 batting average), Charles Watson (13 hits and three homeruns), Brendan Masini (13 hits and 12 runs batted in) and Donnel Boyer (four stolen bases) have all contributed offensively.

Overcoming the loss of numerous seniors has been the key to a successful start by the women's lacrosse team.

"I have been really pleased with how we have done. We have been a smart team and we have a team of very good players that each have greatness inside of them," head coach Liz Wilson said.

The team's games last week against Andrews, Magnificat and Western Reserve Academy all played a big role in the teams qualifying for the post-season.

Tennis balls have been flying across Cleveland's blue skies as the tennis team has started the season off with a very rough schedule.

During the first four weeks of the season, the team played four of the five top teams in the state: Cincinnatti Sycamore, Upper Arlington, University School and Toledo St. Johns.

"It is definitely a tough way to start off the season," head coach Al Slawson said. "But, I think that the team has learned a lot from the competiton and we should be better prepared for our upcoming matches and the state tournament.

The women's track team has performed well in all of their recent meets. They are 2-0 in dual meets, having beaten Parma and Garfield. They have also fared well in large meets, placing third in the Salem Invitational.

Coach Henry Woodard has a positive outlook for the rest of the season.

> ***We have a young team with a lot of sophomores and freshman making a positive impact, yet our seniors are also showing great leadership. This combination makes our team look good for now and the future."***
>
> ***-Coach Henry Woodard***

The softball team, despite only having one returning senior member, is off to a surprisingly good start. With a record of 4-6 and big wins over Valley Forge and Normandy the team and head coach Tim Richards are excited.

"We have been pleasantly surprised with our performance," Richards said. "However, there have been times when we've shown the youth of our team with mental breakdowns."

The men's lacrosse team has used its team spirit to unify this year to defend their state champion status according to mid-fielder junior Carl Ewing.

"We have beaten Wellington, Walsh, Toledo St. John's and Wooster with their incredible offense and good defense," Ewing said.

As the warm weather rolls in over the sports field, the Shaker spring teams continue to rack up the victories and records that have made them shine golden this season.

BRENDAN VS. SCOTT

The Reunion Bout: Aliens: are they friends or foes?

BY BRENDAN MASINI
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Scott and I have just discovered the most pressing issue of our generation and have come back to discuss it with our devoted readers. First of all, I must make sure there is no debate about the fact that there are and have **been aliens among us on Earth for a long time. This is true because I saw one at Beachwood Place. The people I was with didn't see him because he was invisible, but I saw** him. So, to save the Earth from certain doom at the hands of aliens like the one I encountered, I now reveal that the secret to avoiding their wrath is to welcome them with open arms.

It is sad to think that we live in a society that is quick to pull out its weapons and fire upon innocent sprites, nymphs, trolls and even aliens before we know what they want. How can we expect the aliens not to vaporize us when the first thing we do when they arrive is launch a nuclear weapon at their friendly intergalactic spacecraft? And, as we all know from *Independence Day,* nuclear weapons don't work anyway, so why not try to be their friends?

Let's think back to an earlier alien encounter. The friendly E.T. was left behind on our planet and was befriended by humans. The result was kids flying around on their bicycles. What would have happened if E.T. was killed, stuffed and put into a museum? Elliot would have cried, and so would I. Scott is of the opinion that E.T. was not real, but merely a little person in an alien suit. Yeah right! "Okay, Scott, try to explain how he made his finger glow."

It is clear that the majority of aliens are friendly because of the relatively low number of vaporizations reported to the police each year. Last year in Shaker Heights there were only three, and two of those were ruled suicides. The other one was a lawyer and I believe that he deserved it. Don't you think that if the aliens really were dangerous that they would zap humans into anti-matter more frequently?

So the solution is obvious. If a flying saucer lands in your backyard, don't tell the alien guy that you are going to have it towed. Rather, tell him that he is welcome to park there as long as he wants and then invite him in for a corned beef sandwich. If for any reason while you are spending time with him, he or any of the aliens he is with start to get rowdy, call up Scott and have him exterminate them. After all, trying to make a new friend is not worth getting vaporized.

Shakerite photo by Iahn Gonsenhauser

BY SCOTT FULLER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It has been nearly a year since the last *Brendan vs. Scott* battle has been waged. This period has been one of constant sadness and grief for me. Not only have I personally longed for the intellectual clashes I once had with my **worthy adversary, but my heart cries out in agony each time a teary-eyed fan approaches me and asks, "When will *Brendan vs. Scott* come back?"** The emotion swelling inside me, I hold back my own tears, grasp his shoulders firmly, and confidently respond, "Soon, my friend. Soon."

That time has finally arrived. With graduation growing closer and closer, Brendan and I understand the necessity to educate our youth, and prepare them for the conflicts they will soon face in life. While in the past this column has been focused on purely earthly matters, quite clearly our human existence is progressing extraordinarily, and thus we must think on a more galactic level. As our technology improves, we will venture further and further out into the depths of space. Yes, it is inevitable: we will discover aliens.

Prepare yourselves now, my fellow humans! Arm yourselves for the confrontation that will undoubtedly occur! As I have always been honest and correct in my past arguments, I once again assure you: aliens are not friendly! They are cruel and warlike, and they will annihilate our species if we let our guard down. Do not allow Brendan to convince you they are peaceful and harmless; if you go with him to greet the creatures when they invade, you will meet your doom from a single blast of one of their plutonium ray guns.

Our scientists have learned the horrific truth, and are desperately trying to warn the human race. For this reason they recently created films such as *Independence Day* and *Mars Attacks!* While the exact details are of course unknown as of yet, those were not entirely fictitious stories: they were highly-researched scientific conjectures about the upcoming invasion.

I beg of you, do not delay in your preparations. The Heaven's Gate cult has already been beamed aboard the alien craft following in the wake of the comet. They have alerted the beings to our presence, and I fear the traitorous humans may have divulged tactical information necessary to conquer Earth. It has swiftly brought forth critical times, and our defense must begin immediately. I will start by eliminating the first of the alien messengers, a certain Shakerite editor who wants to trick us into believing that "aliens are our friends!" We will not be fooled, Brendan!

Round 1: *Motocross racing: the next varsity sport?*
Round 2: *Co-ed sports: yes or no to gender-bending athletes?*
Round 3: *Has the Indians' success made a positive or negative impact on school life?*
Round 4: *Questions about life: ying or yang, but more importantly, ping or pong?*
Round 5: *Do worms cry when you put them on a fishing hook?*
Round 6: *Would you rather be a peanut or a hot dog vendor?*
Round 7: *If Leigh Stevens ran for president, would you vote for her?*

Raider Radar's greatest hits (and misses)

For the final time with Tommy & Laura, Just when you thought nobody was looking...

TOP 10 "RAIDER RADAR" APPEARANCES:

10. Eight tied (2)
4 tie. Nat Kendall-Taylor (3)
4 tie. Michael Gross (3)
4 tie. Todd Svec (3)
4 tie. Paul "Just Do It" Bosley (3)
4t. "God" (3)
4 tie. Brian "Charlie Brown" Moore (3)
3. David Bass (4)
2. Jason "Poopie" St. Onge (5)
1. Chris "Rudy" Taylor (6)

TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

10. A female sports editor (?)
9. *Legends of the Fall* (?)
8. The Combined Raider Record
7. Tianjian "Vince" Wen and his heroes
6. "Our friends" a.k.a. *Raiders of the Month*
5. Deadline arguments
4. Swim team articles
3. Climbing through windows
2. Things that cause controversy
1. SELL-OUTS

TWO TEAMS WITH THE MOST APPEARANCES:

2. Men's Soccer Team (5)
1. Swim Team (10)

TAUNT THIS! - Junior lacrosse goalie Todd Svec effectively blew a recent game for the team. In the contest against Wellington Svec received a taunting penalty after he made a spectacular save. During his time in the penalty box Wellington scored twice on the Raiders. The team lost the game 4-1. Not only did Svec blow the game, but he has possibly lost his All-American status. The Ohio High School Athletic Association is investigating the incident.

GREAT COMEBACK, BAD SPORTSMANSHIP - The girls' lacrosse team made a valiant comeback against Hathaway Brown last month. Midway through the game the squad trailed 9-5, then with four minutes left they trailed 11-7. The team mounted a great comeback, and sophomore Lauren Dietrich scored the game winning goal with three seconds remaining. Following the game the HB goalie got mad and threw her helmet and stick. After a Shaker parent said, "Nice sportsmanship," the HB goalie replied in a vulgar manner.

VINCE WATCH - Sophomore Tianjian "Vince" Wen has released his new heroes list with a new point-ranking system. Topping the list are Alex Colb (1000), Adam Grossman (1000), Michael Gross (995), Tim Stenta (932) and Brad Keys (901). All five qualify for regular hero status.

NICE TUX CHIEFS - Our fearless editors-in-chief have managed to disappoint us beyond human belief. With prom up and coming both Miles and Scott have ordered their tuxedoes for the big night. Unfortunately, Scott ordered a white dinner jacket and Miles ordered a nice, cute cumberbund. Way to be dorks, chiefs!

GONE FISHIN' - Numerous students at the high school have decided to pick up a new hobby this year, fishing. Some catch big fish while others struggle and get small ones. Juniors Jed Wolpaw, Jeronie Barnes and Iahn Gonsenhauser have been successful in catching numerous fresh frosh...I mean fish.

BARNES GETS MAD - Not only has Barnes been successful with his fish, but he has also been successful on the tennis court. Last Saturday, while playing first singles, Barnes dropped the first set 6-7 after a controversial tie-breaker. Then he got mad. Barnes, behind all of his fury, fought back and won the next two sets 6-1, 6-2. This over-powering victory led the tennis team to a four to one victory over Toledo St. John's.

HUMAN HIGHLIGHTS - Junior Carl "Truth" Ewing single-handedly created his own personal human highlight film in the lacrosse team's victory last Saturday. Ewing scored three goals that left the crowd in awe.

Raiders of the Month

PATTY EPPICH

Photo courtesy of Patty Eppich

BY TOMMY GELEHRTER
Co-Sports Editor

Dedication, amazing defense and a wonderful attitude make senior Patty Eppich a natural leader on the women's varsity lacrosse team.

"Patty is a great leader, she is always on top of the play and is doing the right thing," head coach Liz Wilson said. "She does all of this in a very quiet way."

Eppich started playing lacrosse seven years ago and has been a member of the varsity team during all four of her years at the high school.

"I feel that I have improved a great deal since I started playing, but, I still feel that I have a lot to learn and to improve upon," Eppich said. "I am happy with what I have accomplished so far and I am looking to accomplish more in the future."

Both Wilson and assistant coach Kristen Murray feel Eppich brings a great deal of committment to the team.

"She's one of our most solid players. We look for her to defend the top player on the other team. She is also very good with her stick and we are always looking for her to come up as an offensive threat. She has a great shot," Murray said.

Eppich has enjoyed the lacrosse team's success in the past and looks for more in the near future.

"It's awesome. Winning the Midwest Championship the past three years has been great. I think that we have a great team this year and that we will be able to win our fourth championship in the past four years," Eppich said.

During her four years with the varsity squad Eppich has played the cover point position and the third man position. She started playing defense in ninth grade.

"Patty is definitely an all-around player. She is probably one of the most consistent and skilled players that we have on the team this year, she has done a great job," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, Eppich is being heavily scouted by Penn State.

"I think that Patty will be able to go on and play Division I lacrosse, and be very successful," Wilson said.

Besides lacrosse, Eppich also plays field hockey. She is also considering attending Miami (Ohio) next year.

ADAM GROSSMAN

Shakerite photo by Iahn Gonsenhauser

BY TOMMY GELEHRTER
Co-Sports Editor

Intense and committed, junior Adam Grossman has stormed full swing into the varsity tennis season as one of the top players in Ohio. His leadership and work ethic on the court continue to be admired.

"Adam is very, very focused on being the best that he can be. He is a team person and displays this with his intensity, leadership, work ethic, dedication and commitment to the team," head tennis coach Al Slawson said.

For the past six years Grossman has been playing tennis and has spent all three of his years at the high school with the varsity team. His freshman and sophomore years he played second singles. This year he has stepped up to be a team captain and to switch off playing first singles with junior Jeronie Barnes.

"It is definitely nice to be captain and get the chance to play first singles," Grossman said.

After six matches Grossman has a record of 3-3.

"The pressure that I put on myself may have affected me early on. I struggled. But, I feel that there are positive things to come, and I'll be fine. I have never started the season very well, but I look forward to the upcoming big matches," Grossman said.

In a team defeat to University School, Grossman dropped his match to his personal nemisis, Vincent Ng. Grossman will get another chance at Ng on May 20 at home.

"It is going to be another battle with Vince," Grossman said. "I feel that I will be better prepared and possibly have a chance of beating him. There is unfinished business, and we will all see what happens."

Including team practices, Grossman plays approximately 20 hours of tennis a week. He hits with his personal coach, runs, jumps rope, takes yoga, stretches and drinks plenty of water. He also participates in numerous team drills.

"Adam spends a lot of time trying to be the best that he can be, he leaves no stone unturned in his efforts," Slawson said.

"It's hard sometimes, but I gain more experience as a player and over time I get better," Grossman said.

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

Baseball:

Record: 9-3 (.750)
Last Game: Lost to Euclid
Next Game:
Today at Cleveland Heights at 4:15 p.m.

W. Lacrosse:

Record: 7-1-1 (.833)
Last Game: Tied Andrews
Next Game:
Sectionals begin today

Softball:

Record: 4-6 (.400)
Last Game: Beat Normandy
Next Game:
Hosts Cleveland Heights today at 4:15 p.m.

M. Track:

Record: 2-0 (1.000)
Last Game: Beat Garfield
Next Game:
Host Warrensville Heights tomorrow at 4:15 p.m.

Combined Raider Record:

184-100-12 (.642)

Raiders stats as of 4/29/97

W. Track:

Record: 2-0 (1.000)
Last Game: Fifth at Eastlake North Relays
Next Game:
Hosts Warrensville Wed. at 4:15 p.m.

M. Lacrosse:

Record: 4-2 (.667)
Last Game: Beat Toledo St. John's
Next Game:
Tomorrow at Jackson at 5:30 p.m.

Tennis:

Record: 8-3 (.727)
Last Game: Defeated in District Finals
Next Game:
Hosts Hudson today at 4 p.m.

Congratulations to the MAC Basketball Tournament Champions:

- **Raj Arrington-Bey**
- **Steve Campbell**
- **Jeremy Gay**
- **Brandon Million**

The Unknowns

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- **Khalifa Todd**
- **Harold White**

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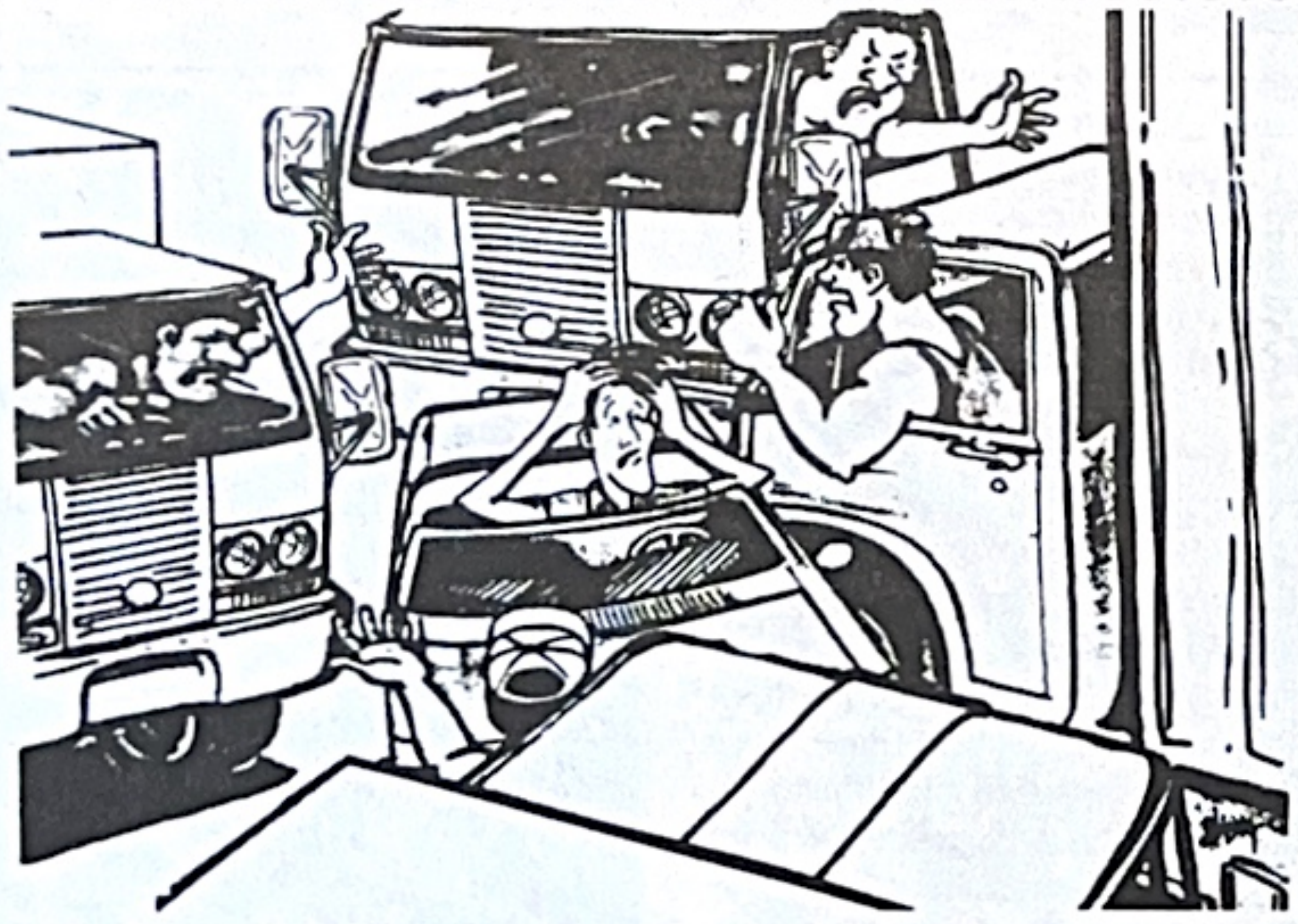

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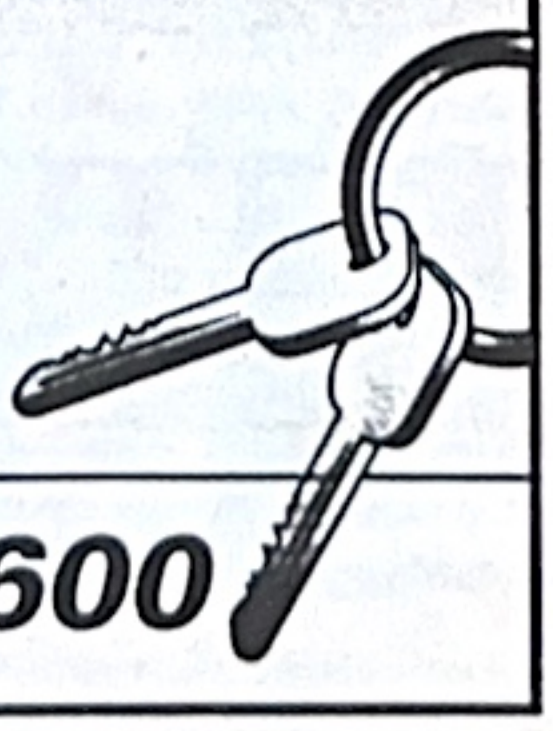

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